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### **MONUSCO welcomes Angola's announcement of a ceasefire between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda**

**Kinshasa, July 31, 2024:** The United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) welcomes the announcement by the Angolan presidency of a ceasefire between the governments of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda, which will come into effect on August 4. The Mission also expresses its readiness to support the ad hoc verification mechanism mandated to oversee the adherence to the ceasefire, in accordance with its mandate.

This announcement was made during the second meeting of the foreign ministers of the two countries, held in Luanda, Angola, on July 30, under the mediation of Angolan President João Lourenço.

The Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in the DRC, Acting Head of MONUSCO, Mr. Bruno Lemarquis, expresses the United Nations' support to this agreement, which could foster de-escalation between the two countries and enable the safe and dignified return of displaced persons to their homes.

"The United Nations wishes to congratulate Angolan President His Excellency João Lourenço for his efforts within the Luanda process," said Mr. Lemarquis.

He reiterates the UN's ongoing commitment to supporting efforts to restore peace, security, and stability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and calls on all parties involved to work constructively to end violence and achieve a peaceful and lasting solution to the conflicts in the region.