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MONUSCO welcomes the adoption of two resolutions by the UN Security Council on the Democratic Republic of Congo

Kinshasa, 20 December 2022: The Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General and Head of MONUSCO, Bintou Keita, welcomes the adoption of two resolutions by the Security Council this Tuesday.

The first renews the mission's mandate for a period of one year, thus responding to the Government's call to re-evaluate the Transition Plan and its benchmarks. It calls for MONUSCO to focus on: 1/ the protection of civilians; 2/ support for disarmament, demobilisation, reintegration of members of armed groups, and stabilisation; 3/ and support for security sector reform.

The second resolution lifts the notification requirement previously imposed by the Security Council Sanctions Committee for any supply of arms, equipment, training, advice, and military assistance to the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Special Representative of the Secretary-General welcomes this decision of the Security Council which responds to the aspirations of the Congolese government whose voice has been heard.

The Security Council calls for support to national and regional initiatives aimed at restoring peace and stability in eastern DRC and the sub-region. In this regard, it authorizes MONUSCO to continue its support to the Nairobi and Luanda processes within the framework of its mandate and the limits of its capacities.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General reiterates the unwavering commitment of the United Nations system to support the Government and people of the DRC in their efforts to bring peace and stability in the East of the country.