



Weekly Report

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Justine Johnston

**MARCH 28 TO
APRIL 2, 2014**

- 1** Security Council extends UN mission and intervention force for one year
- 2** DRC urged to adopt new law to prosecute war crimes

“The resolution [demonstrates] the Council’s deep concern about the humanitarian situation in the DRC and its strong condemnation of all armed groups operating in the region and their violations of international law, and abuses of human rights.”

Security Council extends UN mission and intervention force for one year

- The Security Council passed a resolution extending the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) and its Intervention Brigade until March 31, 2015.
- The Security Council authorized MONUSCO to take all necessary measures to, among other things, protect civilians; neutralize armed groups through the Intervention Brigade in a “robust, highly mobile and versatile manner and in strict compliance with international law;” monitor implementation of the arms embargo; and provide support to national and international judicial processes in the DRC.
- The Security Council also stressed the need for a clear exit strategy.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47454&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo#.UzyJ31ehydw>

DRC urged to adopt new law to prosecute war crimes

- A coalition of 146 Congolese and international human rights organizations has released a joint declaration urging the Democratic Republic of Congo to create new mechanisms in its national justice system to prosecute war criminals.
- The coalition recommends that the Democratic Republic of the Congo adopt the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and introduce the International Criminal Court’s definitions of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide into Congolese law.
- Source: Jurist

<http://jurist.org/paperchase/2014/04/drc-urged-to-adopt-new-law-to-prosecute-war-crimes.php>