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**Our position on the announced National Dialogue in D R Congo:  
Dialogue is good but it cannot be a pre-condition for the general  
elections next year 2016.**

Recently President Joseph Kabila announced the launch of the National Dialogue in the Democratic Republic of Congo claiming it is the only chance for the general elections next year 2016.

As part of the Congolese citizens living Uganda, conscious of our responsibility before the nation and before our compatriots living in Uganda either as migrants or as refugees, we have come up with this statement and reaffirm our determination to support the general elections in D R Congo next year 2016 under the strict respect of the constitution.

We reaffirm our deep conviction that elections at all levels are the only options we have for peace and stability in D R Congo and the only option for a smooth handover the power,

Basing of the article 64 of the Congolese constitution we are fully determined to resist and disobey any leader, group of people or any idea which will violate the constitution in D R Congo. ***We strongly state that much as we need dialogue, it cannot be a pre-condition for the organization of general elections in D R Congo next year 2016.***

We reaffirm the views and sentiments of the Congolese people in Uganda who are only waiting for three things from the D R Congo president Joseph Kabila: Clearly and openly declare that he will be leaving power come the end of his term in December 2016, restructure and allocate the necessary funds to the Independent Electoral Commission in order to start organizing the general elections for next year and make public the calendar for the elections agreed upon by all and within the constitutional limits.

On this regard the priority of the Congolese people and all what we are waiting for is the new leadership for the country next year, the said dialogue can wait.

We join all other partners and friends of D R Congo people who are saying the same to engage the government on the urgent need to speed up the whole electoral process and after 20 years of war, this will give an opportunity to the country to enter into democracy. We strongly support the work and efforts deployed by the Congolese Civil Society for credible, free and fair elections in 2016.

The same efforts which are deployed by all parties for the general elections next year should be equally deployed to guarantee the security for all people in the East of D R Congo especially in

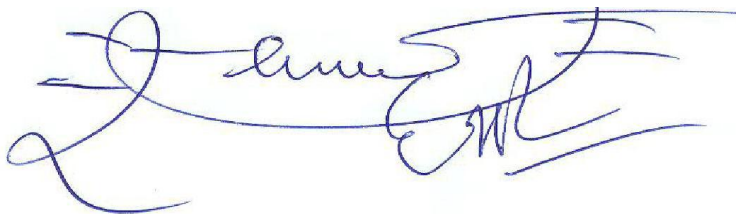
Beni where innocent people are massacred every day. We have to be conscious that the current political noise do not deviate our attention from the current security situation in the East especially in Beni, North Kivu.

As we conclude, let us remind everybody about the dangers which are associated with the violation of the constitution especially when an individual wants to be the president for life, the democratic process which Congolese people started in 1990s and which was delayed by wars in 1996 up to now should end and this would give a chance for the country to enter the development process.

We remain vigilant and in solidarity with all the compatriots in D R Congo, in Uganda and elsewhere in the world for eventual call for actions when it may be needed.


As we are mobilized about the current situation in D R Congo, we are also equally preoccupied by the political situation in Congo Brazzaville where the president wants a third term in office with the risk of civil war, we are also crying for the political instability in Burundi and the ongoing violence just because one person wants to be the only one who can lead the country. We continue expressing our concerns about the political situation in Rwanda where efforts are put in place to change the constitution to allow the president to stay in power as many years as he wants, and lastly send our prayers to all people of Uganda to get the needed courage and strength in order to put in place a peaceful transitional process as they have embarked on the general elections which will take place in February 2016.

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