

Mobilization for the Safeguarding of Sovereignty and Congolese Autonomy (MOSSAC)

An ad hoc coalition of 81 Congolese organizations to share our concerns about the occupation, and our demands for peace based on safety, liability, compensation and justice.



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MOSSAC: Call for measures to mitigate the negative effects of the Washington Accords

In December 2025, the government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), under the leadership of Felix Tshisekedi, signed three agreements with the United States and Rwanda. The first of these agreements, signed by Rwanda and the DRC, is presented as a Peace Agreement, designed to restore peace to the occupied region of the DRC.ⁱ The second agreement, signed by Rwanda and the DRC, establishes a "Regional Economic Integration Framework" (REIF), allowing Rwanda to jointly exploit the DRC's resources.ⁱⁱ A third agreement, between the DRC and the United States and called the "Strategic Partnership Agreement," stipulates that the DRC will provide a list of all its national coltan, copper, manganese, and gold development projects that are not currently under contract, for the United States to decide which companies to allocate them to.ⁱⁱⁱ Collectively, these three agreements are referred to as the Washington Accords.

As Congolese NGOs, direct victims of this conflict that has lasted too long, the *Mobilization for the Safeguarding of Congolese Sovereignty and Autonomy* (MOSSAC)^{iv} hereby calls for the adoption of the following measures, in order to protect the security and sovereignty of the DRC, despite the shortcomings of the Agreements:

1. We call on the Congolese government to maintain its refusal to implement the provisions of the agreements relating to the exploitation of resources until the M23 and RDF troops leave the area and the occupied areas and mining sites are returned to their rightful owners under a democratically elected government.

2. We call on the Congolese Parliament to make the "Peace Agreement" and the "Regional Economic Integration Framework" conditional on the prior implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 2773, adopted in February 2025.

3. We call on the Congolese Parliament to make the "Peace Agreement" and the "Regional Economic Integration Framework" conditional on the complete withdrawal and total dissolution of the brutal and undemocratic "parallel government" of the AFC/M23/RDF, as well as the restoration of constitutional and democratic governance in these regions.

4. We call on the Congolese Parliament to strengthen the "Regional Economic Integration Framework" by adding provisions specifying the need to ensure that any project undertaken serves the interests of the DRC, and does not undermine them by the transfer of land, resources, opportunities, or decision-making power to Rwanda.

5. We call on the DRC Parliament to revise the "Strategic Partnership Agreement" with the United States, which gives broad decision-making authority over laws, policies, regulations, and the allocation of mineral resources to U.S.-controlled committees, thereby abrogating the sovereignty of the DRC. This Agreement must be revised to ensure that the DRC makes its own political, legislative, judicial and economic decisions.

6. Given that the Washington Accords do not address the issue of accountability or justice, we call on the national government to establish a separate tribunal to collect testimonies and evidence relating to the commission of war crimes, crimes against humanity and atrocities, and the violation of Congolese and international law, human rights abuses, the establishment of an illegal parallel government, and decades of land grabbing and plundering of the DRC's resources. This tribunal will have to be able to:

- Refer crimes to the International Criminal Court or the International Court of Justice for prosecution;
- Prosecute and condemn governments or their subsidiary entities, organizations, armed militias, private companies, and individuals convicted of crimes;
- To pronounce sentences reflecting the gravity of the crime as well as the guilt of the convicted persons or entities;
- Demand that perpetrators pay reparations to the victims of their actions.

7. We call on the governments of the provinces concerned to establish *Citizens' Monitoring Committees* to monitor the implementation of all the requirements adopted in the UN Security Council resolution, in the Accords, as well as by any additional judgments, processes or bodies established to guarantee the sovereignty and security of the DRC in the context of this conflict. Affected provinces include North Kivu, South Kivu, Ituri, Maniema, Tanganyika, Tshopo, and possibly others, depending on where the attacks occur. The Washington Accords must be translated into the 4 national languages to facilitate the understanding of the content of the text. This partnership with the government for citizen monitoring must be apolitical and dedicated to the well-being of the Congolese people. If a *Citizen Monitoring Committee* considers that the requirements are not being implemented, it can apply for an injunction or judgment from a competent court in its province.

8. MOSSAC calls on the Honourable National Deputies to demand that the Agreement between the United States and the DRC, relating to an Expanded Security Partnership, be made public. According to a U.S. Department of State press release dated December 4, 2025, there is a "Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo Regarding an Expanded Security Partnership." However, the text of this Memorandum is not available to the public. The Congolese people will be able to place their trust in the Washington Agreements only if they are aware of the modalities for dealing with security issues, particularly with regard to personnel, armaments and other equipment, financing, training, intelligence sharing, joint missions and specific obligations relating to non-support to armed groups.

ⁱ <https://cd.usembassy.gov/fr/accord-de-paix-entre-la-republique-democratique-du-congo-et-la-republique-du-rwanda/>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.state.gov/cadre-dintegration-economique-regionale/>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.state.gov/strategic-partnership-agreement-between-the-government-of-the-united-states-of-america-and-the-government-of-the-democratic-republic-of-the-congo/>

^{iv} The coalition members will remain anonymous because of the threats to their lives.