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A briefing on the DRC crisis

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1. Summary of the briefing

After President Kabila has failed to organize the DRC's first ever peaceful succession in the Presidency; political leaders, including the ruling party and other Kabila' allies, main opposition parties led by Tshisekedi and civil society organizations have agreed, under the leadership of the Catholic Church (CENCO), to extend with one year, Kabila's second and last term in office (19 December 2016 to December 2017), under some conditions, including:

- i. The overseeing post that guaranties the agreement's implementation, to be allocated, individually, to Mr Etienne Tshisekedi wa Mulumba, leader of the largest opposition political gathering (Rassemblement).
- ii. The Premier Minister post, Head of the Government to be allocated to the Rassemblement.
- iii. Kabila's Government had to take measures to ease the political tension in the country. This includes to stop the judiciary harassment against the former Katanga Governor, Mr Katumbi Chapwe Moise (Presidential candidate), the release of political prisoners such Jean-Claude Muyambo.

2. The briefing addresses the following issues :

- i. What is the substance of the 31st December 2016 agreement between the DRC political leaders, under the leadership of the Catholic Church (Congolese national episcopal commission, CENCO)?
- ii. What was the sense of allocating the responsibility of overseeing the transition process to Etienne Tshisekedi, individually, and the reason of letting the opposition lead the Government during this period?
- iii. What are the chance and challenges of implementing this agreement, after the death of Tshisekedi, while groups had yet agreed on other realising details?
- iv. What is the DRC people's expectation from the CENCO agreement and what should be its strategic actions?
- v. What is the role of international bodies such SADC, AU, EU and UN in the DRC crisis resolutions?

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