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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to forward herewith a report on the outcome of election in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

We will follow up on the second round of the election campaign and send further reports.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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## **UP DATES ON THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO (DRC) ELECTION**

### 1. **The build up to the 30<sup>th</sup> of July Election:**

- The climax to the election was tense but without major problems. There were complains from:
  - The Roman Catholic Church, which called for a boycott to the election, if the issue of alleged vote rigging was not addressed. This came as confusion over the number of registered voters was not clear. Also, Catholic leaders argued that Mr. Joseph Kabila had mobilized state resources to back campaign.
  - The Union for Democracy and Progress (UDPS) supporters clashed with anti riots police at a rally on 27<sup>th</sup> of July. The UDPS argued that they do not have representation on key committees which will run the election on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July.
  - Also, violence erupted during a rally held by Jean-Pierre Bemba (current Vice president) as news spread of fire at Mr. Bemba's compound. Mr. Bemba's supporters attacked police and two were killed.
- Despite all the above incidents, the enormous logistical challenges, threats of intimidation, the UN preparation went well.

### 2. **The Counting Process of the Election:**

- The voting process was peaceful with few reported problems. Security was tight by UN peacekeeping forces around polling stations. There was also a strong presence of 800 German soldiers sent by the EU.
- Congolese Rally for Democracy ex rebel chief Azarias Ruberwa denounced reports of widespread fraud in the election.

3. **The Outcomes of the Election:**

- The official results of the DRC confirmed early indications of strong regional division between East and West. Indeed, Mr. Kabila won 44.81% in the Eastern part of the DRC and Mr. Bemba won 20.03% in the Western part of the country. Both Candidates failed to gain 50% of the votes to win the presidency. Consequently, a second round will taken place in the 29<sup>th</sup> of October.
- Following the announcement of the results fighting broke out in the street of Kinshasa between soldiers loyal to Mr. Kabila and the Mr. Bemba. This incident could overshadowed the process of the in the coming months.

4. **Conclusion:**

- The process of the election was will organized without major problems. However, there is a danger of renewing violence as tension is high following the announcement of the results.
- It is predictable that the two remaining candidates will try to form alliances in order to have a clear win in the second round in October.

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