

HRES 131

Concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights.

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| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Reported by | May 15, 2013 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Asserts that the region's leaders and the international community should break the cycle of violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and surrounding region.

Calls on: (1) the signatories of the February 24, 2013, Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region to abide by the Framework's provisions; and (2) governments of the Great Lakes region of Africa to respect the national security and territorial integrity of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Recognizes efforts by the Democratic Republic of the Congo to end child recruitment into the armed forces and demands the cessation of militia recruitment and exploitation of children.

Calls on the Obama Administration to: (1) mobilize a comprehensive response to prevent further deterioration of regional peace and stability and to ensure that humanitarian assistance be provided to populations in need, and (2) develop actionable recommendations to ensure accountability for violations of international humanitarian law and human rights abuses.

Acknowledges the good work of the United States Special Advisor on the Great Lakes and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Calls on all nations to increase cooperation to stop the trade of illegal goods that fuels violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Urges the Democratic Republic of the Congo to investigate and prosecute those who have committed war crimes, crimes against humanity, and violations of international humanitarian law and human rights.

Acknowledges the appointment by the United Nations (U.N.) of the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region of Africa.

Urges the U.N. Security Council to lead efforts to strengthen the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO).

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **May 15, 2013:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 15, 2013:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Unanimous Consent .
- **May 6, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations.
- **Mar 21, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 21, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.