



RAISING GLOBAL CONSCIOUSNESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGE OF THE CONGO AND SUPPORTING CONGOLESE INSTITUTIONS AS THEY STRIVE TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL AND LASTING CHANGE.

## CORE PRESCRIPTIONS FROM THE GROUND

1. Put pressure on President Paul Kagame and the government of Rwanda to open its democratic space and to allow for negotiations to find a solution to the problem of the Rwanda rebels inside Congo - the solution is political.
2. The contribution of the USA in the strict regulation of the sale, delivery and purchase of arms and munitions to leaders implicated in the conflict in the Great Lakes sub-region, essentially Rwanda and Uganda.

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*"In order to rehabilitate and decriminalize the mining industry, which according to [Aloys] Tegera, generates more than two-thirds of the revenue of North Kivu, it is necessary to, in the first place, work towards the re-establishment of the Congolese state. Any efforts by the international community to re-organize and legislate for the Congolese mining industry without taking this fundamental step into account risk failure, "unless, of course, the various lobbies have in mind a Congo without the Congolese, which would clearly be absurd."*  
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3. Give attention to political developments in Kinshasa and in the other provinces as well as the eastern DRC. The DRC will remain fragile until the state is strengthened so that it has the power to reinforce constitutionalism and good governance. Support good governance in the Congo and invest in the democratization process underway and the strengthening of political institutions.
4. End impunity. Support the creation of an international tribunal based in the DRC with a system of mixed chambers where international and Congolese judges work side by side on cases of past violations of human rights. The presence of the international tribunal in DRC would ensure that it would be close to the victims and less danger of evidence corruption. Mutual control and support among international and Congolese judges would diminish the danger of corruption.

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5. Honorable Eve Bazaiba Masudi, Member of Parliament