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The Honorable Rex Wayne Tillerson
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

First, let me please congratulate you on your first months as Secretary of State. I am writing you to draw your attention on the political crisis going on in my country, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where I have been a Governor of the mineral-rich Katanga province and where I am running for President of the Republic.

Under our Constitution, the President is to serve two 5 years mandates. President Kabila's expired on 19 December 2016 yet he still clings to power illegally. To assist in this crisis, the "National Episcopal Conference of Congo (CENCO)" agreed to serve as a mediator between the presidential majority (President Kabila) and the major opposition groups led by the "Rassemblement" or Rally. Sadly, the signing of the "CENCO agreement" on 31 December 2016 has still not been implemented by Mr. Kabila. Under the Agreement, CENCO has been asked to solve certain pending legal files raised by the President against opposition candidates, including mine.

Please find attached the final report of the ad hoc Commission put in place by CENCO in order to clarify these files, clearly fabricated by Mr. Kabila and his cronies against political opponents, are politically motivated. This report will enable you to measure the state of decay of the Congolese justice system, which is exploited by the Mr. Kabila for his own ends and whose only objective seems to be the disqualification of any credible political opponent. I have also attached the notarized affidavit of Judge Chantal Ramazani who signed the decree condemning me in the matter brought by Mr. Kabila. She then fled the country and through great courage told the world about how she was physically threatened and coerced into condemning me.

Regarding my personal situation, I would like to inform you that I have been designated as candidate to the presidency of the Democratic Republic of Congo by several parties comprising the "Rassemblement" or "Rally". The Rally is the aggregation of political parties which together represent the majority of the Congolese opposition. The strength of the "Rassemblement" is the principal reason why Mr. Kabila launched this unjustified accusation against me and why he pursued so vigilantly the summary judgments against me which

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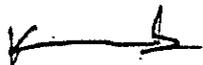
followed. The attached CENCO report resulted from a long and detailed investigation that deconstructs in a very professional manner the lie put in place to disqualify my candidacy and to prevent me from returning to my country to begin my political campaign.

Before asking you for any diplomatic support which you would deem appropriate to grant me and which would enable me to return to my country without risking arbitrary imprisonment, often followed in the DRC by acts of torture or even disappearance, I wanted you to have this report which will demonstrate my innocence regarding all the files fabricated by the current dictatorship and the lengths they will go to remain in power illegally

The diplomatic support you would grant me would be a precious contribution for the support of democracy in the DRC. The Congolese people would be very grateful to you and would remember this very precious contribution at a decisive point in the birth of its democracy. All political opposition candidates, not just me, must be able to run in free and fair elections. The Congolese people and its Constitution demand nothing less.

I look forward to hearing from you on this essential issue for the DRC and am available for any additional information required,

Sincerely,



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Former Governor of Katanga
DRC Presidential election candidate

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