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Good Afternoon—

The Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bruno Tshibala, said that Pres. Kabila does not intend to run for re-election. This is certainly a positive announcement however, there are still concerns over the integrity of the method by which the voting will take place, as well as questions over whether the elections will take place as scheduled, this December – two years after the constitution requires.

Over the weekend, thousands of Congolese gathered in Kinshasa to hear remarks from opposition leader Moise Katumbi. Governor Katumbi addressed his supporters via video to reiterate the need for free and fair elections in December and to remind supporters of his coalition with fellow opposition leader Felix Tshisekedi. Katumbi reassured supporters, stating, “I will return to Congo to end the suffering of the Congolese people”. Additional video footage that I received that also helps to depict the size and enthusiasm of the crowd is available here, here, here, here, and here.

Separately, following the tragic and untimely death of 33-year-old activist Luc Nkulula on Sunday, opposition leaders and rights groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are calling for an investigation. Among the voices speaking out is Felix Tshisekedi, who stated in a tweet that the “main suspect” is power. Nkulula, a well-respected activist and the founder of civil society organization LUCHA, had repeatedly called for President Joseph Kabila to abide by the constitution and step down, fueling suspicions that his death was not an accident.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Craig

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