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For nine months, The Livingston Group has represented the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) here in Washington. President Joseph Kabila's Special Envoy (SE), former Foreign Minister Raymond Tshibanda, is returning to Washington, DC next week to meet with Congress and the Administration in a continued effort to redefine and enhance the US-DRC bilateral relationship.

As you may know, in November 2017, the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) in the DRC announced the elections calendar for the presidential, legislative and provincial elections that will be held on December 23, 2018. Both CENI and the DRC Government are committed to the elections, and to peace and stability in the DRC.

Further, that a massive vaccination campaign began in the DRC this week in an effort to stem an outbreak of the Ebola virus that has spread for more than a month. To-date the virus has infected 49 people and killed 27 of them.

Here are a few quick facts regarding the DRC:

- It is the largest country in sub-Saharan Africa, and borders nine countries and the Atlantic Ocean.
- President Joseph Kabila was elected President in 2006 and to a second term in 2011 that ended in December 2016. The presidential elections will be held on December 23, 2018. He has publically agreed to abide by the Constitution and not seek a third term.
- It has enormous wealth in natural resources, including cobalt, diamonds, uranium (the source of our uranium for the Manhattan Project), and other mineral wealth. In fact, the DRC is the largest world producer of cobalt – which is essential to the growing electric car-producing industry and the IT industry – accounting for 51 percent of the global production of cobalt in 2015.
- There are other large opportunities for investment such as Inga Falls. The hydroelectric potential of Inga Falls is about 44,000 MW, more than 20 times the capacity of our Hoover Dam. When completed, that project could provide power for the DRC and its neighboring countries as well as South Africa and possibly even Egypt.

We understand that a bill imposing sanctions on the DRC might be introduced soon --- legislation that does not serve the U.S. or this Administration's interests in Africa.

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