6. The situation in the Great Lakes region

Overview

In the period under review, the Security Council held one closed meeting in connection with the situation in the Great Lakes region.
Meetings: the situation in the Great Lakes region

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7. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Overview

During the period under review, the Security Council held 13 meetings and adopted four resolutions under Chapter VII of the Charter and two presidential statements in connection with the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Council focused on the reconfiguration of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) as the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), the protection of civilians, in particular from sexual violence, and the preparations for the 2011 presidential and parliamentary elections.

The Council extended the mandate of MONUC until 30 June 2010. Thereafter, the Council twice extended the mandate of MONUSCO for a period of one year. The Council also twice extended the sanctions regime against armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as well as the mandate of the Group of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004).

13 April 2010 to 18 May 2011: reconfiguration of MONUC as MONUSCO

On 13 April 2010, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Head of MONUC presented the report of the Secretary-General, which contained the findings of a technical assessment mission carried out in accordance with resolution 1906 (2009) with regard to the drawdown of MONUC. He reported to the Council that President Joseph Kabila had indicated his wish for the drawdown to be completed by June 2011. In acknowledgement of the President’s wish, he informed the Council of the Secretary-General’s recommendation that the first stage of the drawdown should be initiated before 30 June 2010, subject to the Council’s concurrence. Following that stage, reviews of the security situation in areas of MONUC deployment would be conducted by a joint Government/MONUC coordination mechanism. Such reviews would be the trigger for the planning of subsequent phases of the drawdown, based on the principle of national self-reliance put forward by President Kabila. MONUC should also progressively shift its focus and structure towards post-conflict stabilization and peace consolidation, on the basis of an expanded partnership with the United Nations country team.

On 28 May 2010, the Council adopted resolution 1925 (2010), by which it, inter alia, extended the mandate of MONUC until 30 June 2010, decided that MONUC should, as from 1 July 2010, bear the title of

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82 For more information on the mandates of MONUC and MONUSCO, see part X, sect. I, “Peacekeeping operations”.
83 Resolution 1925 (2010).