

## Statement by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on

## Sexual Violence in Conflict Margot Wallström

## SWIFT RESPONSE BY CONGOLESE AUTHORITIES SENDS STRONG SIGNAL TO ALL PERPETRATORS

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I welcome the swift response by the Congolese authorities to the recent atrocities in Fizi in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The arraignment yesterday of Lieutenant Colonel Mutware Kibibi and ten other individuals before the Military Court in Baraka is a signal to all perpetrators that they will not escape punishment by law, that all options will be closed to them and that justice will prevail.

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