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## IPIS

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### IPIS UPCOMING EVENTS

2 December – Joint GRESEA-IPIS lecture ‘Quelques observations par rapport au fonctionnement de coopératives minières’, at the international colloquium ‘La quête des ressources en Afrique Centrale: le secteur minier en République Démocratique du Congo’ organised by The Royal Museum for Central Africa in cooperation with the Lubumbashi University - The Royal Museum for Central Africa, Leuvensesteenweg 13 3080 Tervuren

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## Natural resources in the Great Lakes Region

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### DRC

**Renforcement des capacités des extracteurs de mines - L'Union européenne identifie 2 millions d'exploitants miniers artisanaux au pays.**

(25/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011250899.html>

*The European Union has created a register of artisanal miners working in the DRC, to improve its support for small scale mining sector.*

**Une étude sur les implications de l'exploitation artisanale des ressources naturelles pour la femme.**

(25/11/2010 – MONUSCO)

<http://monusco.unmissions.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1069&ctl=Details&mid=1143&ItemID=11050>

**RDC : la Monusco publie une étude sur l'exploitation des femmes dans les mines.**

(25/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/25/rdc-la-monusco-publie-une-etude-sur-l%E2%80%99exploitation-des-femmes-dans-les-mines/>

*Article on MONUSCO's report on the socio-economic impact of artisanal mining on women and girls.*

**La Miba dotée d'un nouveau comité de gestion.**

(25/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011250887.html>

**Une nouvelle équipe dirigeante à la Miba.**

(24/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/24/mbuji-mayi-une-nouvelle-equipe-dirigeante-a-la-miba/>

**La Miba négocie le tournant décisif de sa relance.**

(30/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011300574.html>

*The Canadian Jeffrey Ovia will be the successor of Christine Tusse at the head of MIBA, the Congolese state diamond miner.*

### **Désespoir sur la frontière.**

(24/11/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Negotiations between the DRC and Angola on the maritime border between the two countries, are stuck. The issue is extremely contentious as there are offshore oilfields involved.*

### **UN urges Congo to ban oil drilling in gorilla park.**

(27/11/2010 – Reuters)

[http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6AQ01P20101127?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm\\_content=Bloglines](http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6AQ01P20101127?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines)

*The United Nations' cultural arm UNESCO has appealed to Congolese President Joseph Kabila to guarantee there will be no oil exploration in the forest home of rare gorillas where two UK-listed firms hold drilling rights. SOCO International and Dominion Petroleum were awarded a presidential decree to Block 5 of east Congo's Albertine Graben in June. Plans for a seismic survey include exploding dynamite, despite the fact that the rebel-heavy area overlaps with the protected Virunga National Park.*

### **La RDC, le Rwanda et le Burundi appelés à maîtriser le trafic frontalier du bois.**

(30/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/30/la-rdc-le-rwanda-et-le-burundi-appelles-a-maitriser-le-traffic-frontalier-du-bois/>

*Willy Kiriza, the South Kivu minister of environment, calls on the DRC, Rwanda and Burundi to make extra efforts to increase control on the transborder traffic of wood.*

### **Déforestation et dégradation des forêts - Le pays à la traîne du processus REDD.**

(26/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011260415.html>

*Despite its participation in REDD+, the DRC's national strategy to integrate into this international organization remains forthcoming.*

### **Séoul à fond dans l'électricité.**

(24/11/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Seoul is willing to invest in the Congolese energy sector in exchange for minerals.*

## **UGANDA**

### **Americans Support Value-Addition for Petroleum Resources.**

(29/11/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011300090.html>

*The US has applauded Uganda's stance to build a refinery in efforts aimed at benefiting from the commercially-confirmed crude oil. "Value-added production, such as refining, produces jobs and infrastructure that wouldn't exist if Uganda only piped out its crude," Jerry Lanier, the US envoy, said.*

## RWANDA

### **90 Percent Still Use Firewood As Source of Energy.**

(27/11/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011291048.html>

*The National Forestry Authority (NAFA) and Central African Region Programme for Environment (CARPE), have expressed concern over the big number of people still using firewood as the main source of energy in Rwanda. At a meeting organized by NAFA together with CARPE to discuss the nature of the country's forests, it was revealed that 90 percent of the population still depends on firewood for cooking.*

### **Mineral Exports to Hit U.S.\$60 Million.**

(1/12/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012010166.html>

*The country's mineral exports are expected to fetch approximately \$60 million in revenue this year compared to \$54.6 million earned last year on account of increased prices on international market, a senior official has said.*

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## International mining companies in the Great Lakes Region

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## DRC

### **Tullow loses Congo oil injunction: court document.**

(25/11/2010 – Reuters)

[http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6AO0O220101125?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm\\_content=Bloglines](http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6AO0O220101125?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines)

*London-listed Tullow Oil Plc lost an injunction to stop two offshore companies developing oil blocks to which it lost the rights in Democratic Republic of Congo, according to a court ruling seen by Reuters.*

### **Total drague Kinshasa.**

(24/11/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*The French oil company Total is working to increase its presence in the Great Lakes Region. While it is waiting for Kampala to validate its entry on Tullow's Ugandan oil bloc, it is now starting up negotiations with the Congolese government.*

## UGANDA

### **Italian Giant Still Wants Oil Fields.**

(29/11/2010 – New Vision – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011300089.html>

*Italian oil giant, Eni Spa, is still interested in venturing into Uganda's oil fields, stiffening competition in the nascent oil and gas industry. Experts predict this will offer strong investment opportunity for the industry.*

### **Uganda government says Heritage, Tullow negotiations going well.**

(29/11/2010 – Reuters)

[http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6AS0E620101129?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm\\_content=Bloglines](http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE6AS0E620101129?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FAFRICATopNews+%28News+%2F+AFRICA+%2F+Top+News%29&utm_content=Bloglines)

*Uganda's negotiations with Heritage Oil and Tullow Oil over a disputed \$404 million tax payment are going "well", although there was no certainty when it can be resolved, a minister said on Monday. The Ugandan government says it is owed tax from Heritage's disposal of assets to former partner Tullow, impacting a planned sale of Tullow's interests to France's Total and China's CNOCC.*

## **BURUNDI**

### **Le combat Inde/Chine fait rage.**

(24/11/2010 – Africa Energy Intelligence)

For consultation at request, or at IPIS library.

*Article on the Chinese and Indian enterprises that are competing for the rights to rehabilitate and construct several energy infrastructures in the country.*

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## **China in the Great Lakes Region**

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### **China-Africa trade ties move beyond resources.**

(24/11/2010 – Mining Weekly)

<http://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/china-africa-trade-ties-move-beyond-resources-2010-11-24>

*Energy deals took centre stage during a southern African tour by China's leader-in-waiting, but the growing ties between China and Africa are quickly moving beyond the traditional sectors of energy and infrastructure.*

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## **Arms trade / Security in the Great Lakes Region**

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### **Pourparlers entre la RDC et l'Ouganda sur les limites frontalières à Aru.**

(24/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiokapi.net/actualite/2010/11/24/pourparlers-entre-la-rdc-et-l%E2%80%99ouganda-sur-les-limites-frontalieres-a-ar/>

*Congolese and Ugandan authorities gathered in Aru to talk about the border conflicts between the Congolese Aru territory and the Ugandan Arua district.*

## **DRC**

### **Final report of the Group of Experts on the DRC, submitted in accordance with paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1896 (2009).**

(29/11/2010 – United Nations)

<http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1533/egroup.shtml>

*The final report of the UN Group of Experts on the DRC.*

**DR Congo army mining interests 'worsens conflict'.**

(29/11/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11868671>

**Soldiers in Congo forming gangs to exploit minerals, says UN.**

(29/11/2010 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/nov/29/congo-army-gangs-unenriched-uranium>

**UPDATE 2-Congo army behind instability, smuggling - U.N..**

(29/11/2010 – Reuters – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MUMA-8BP4Y2?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

**New UN report exposes army looting of Congo's mineral wealth.**

(30/11/2010 – Global Witness)

<http://www.globalwitness.org/library/new-un-report-exposes-army-looting-congo%E2%80%99s-mineral-wealth>

*Criminal networks in the army are an important cause of insecurity and conflict in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the UN Group of Experts say. In their final report, the UN names top army commanders allegedly involved in the illegal mineral trade, including land forces chief of staff Gen Amisi Kumba.*

**Security Council renews DR Congo sanctions.**

(29/11/2010 – UN News Centre)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=36892&Cr=democratic&Cr1=congo> (English)

<http://www.un.org/apps/newsFr/storyF.asp?NewsID=23807&Cr=RDC&Cr1=> (French)

**Renewing arms embargo on Democratic Republic of Congo, Security Council seeks mandate extension for Expert Group monitoring related sanctions - resolution 1952 (2010).**

(29/11/2010 – UN Security Council – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/VDUX-8BNQTY?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P> (English)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/FGAI-8BNTYM?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P> (French)

**L'ONU prolonge d'un an l'embargo sur les armes en RDC.**

(30/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/30/1/%E2%80%99onu-prolonge-d%E2%80%99un-an-l%E2%80%99embargo-sur-les-armes-en-rdc/>

*The Security Council today extended for another year the arms embargo and other sanctions it imposed on the DRC, and requested Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to renew the mandate of the group of experts tasked with monitoring the measures. In its latest report, the Group of Experts highlights the involvement of certain criminal networks with the FARDC in the illegal exploitation of natural resources, through illegal taxation, protection rackets, and various forms of commercial and coercive control.*

**Extension of Sanctions.**

(29/11/2010 – America.gov – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011300629.html> (English)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011300345.html> (French)

*The USA welcomed the renewal by the UN Security Council of sanctions related to the DRC. The new sanctions resolution maintains the existing arms embargo on non-state actors operating in the DRC, as well as the travel ban and asset freeze for individuals linked to illegal armed groups, to the obstruction of humanitarian assistance, to the illicit trade of natural resources and to violations of human rights including sexual and gender based violence.*

**DR Congo army denies UN report that rebels regrouping.**

(30/11/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11875143>

*The army in the DRC has denied that rebel forces are regrouping in the east. A recent UN report on violations of the arms embargo said it found the CNDP and the Burundian FNL were recruiting fighters and amassing arms in South Kivu. But army spokesman Maj Sylvain Ekenge told the BBC the findings were untrue.*

**Le pays et la Somalie, armés à profusion.**

(26/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011260455.html>

*Article on SIPRI's latest reports concerning the arms transfers to the DRC and Somalia.*

**Completing the demobilisation, disarmament and reintegration process of armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the link to security sector reform of FARDC. Mission difficult!**

(23/11/2010 – Institute for Security Studies)

<http://www.iss.co.za/uploads/23Nov2010.pdf>

*This situation report examines the demobilisation process in the DRC, including the factors impacting on the process, the new Army Reform plan, the role of the STAREC and UNSSSS plans, challenges, recommendations and the way forward.*

**Govt Rejects Latest ICG Report.**

(29/11/2010 – The New Times – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011290175.html>

*The DRC has rejected the content and conclusions in a recent International Crisis Group (ICG) report which alleges there is no stability in eastern DRC, two years after the collaboration between Rwanda and its neighbour to end the conflict. Congolese Minister of Communications, Lambert Mende Omalanga, stated "Our feeling is that those like ICG are in trouble because Africans are starting to find their own solutions to this crisis thus making them lose jobs, budgets and mandates - opportunities they were enjoying when we were not communicating amongst us (Rwanda and DRC)," Mende said.*

**Quel tribunal pour le pays?**

(26/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011260454.html>

*Article looking at the possibilities to deliver justice to the victims of violence and human rights violations in the DRC, following the UN Mapping Report.*

**Un bouclier de protection contre les groupes armés du Sud-Kivu.**

(25/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011250876.html>

**Sud-Kivu - L'opération « Protection Shield » provoque des vagues de déplacements.**

(26/11/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011260490.html>

**Sud-Kivu: la Monusco poursuit l'opération Protection Shield contre les groupes armés.**

(24/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/24/sud-kivu-la-monusco-poursuit-l%E2%80%99operation-protection-shield-contre-les-groupes-armes/>

*The MONUSCO said it launched the operation, code named "Protection Shield," in Minembwe, Fizi and Uvira areas in South Kivu following increasing reports of harassment of the local population and humanitarian agencies' staff by armed groups. The armed groups have also clashed with the DRC national army, the FARDC, the UN mission said in a press release.*

**Masisi: les chefs coutumiers de Osso dénoncent des exactions sur la population.**

(29/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/29/masisi-les-chefs-coutumiers-de-osso-denoncent-des-exactions-sur-la-population/>

*Customary chiefs in Osso complain about FARDC extortions plaguing the population.*

**Opienge: les FARDC refusent les négociations des notables avec les Maï-Maï.**

(24/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/24/opienge-les-fardc-refusent-les-negociations-des-notables-avec-les-mai-mai/>

*Military authorities reject the negotiations between the dignitaries of Bafwasende and Maï Maï rebellion leader Luc Yabili in Opienge.*

**Katanga - Un officier des FARDC et des insurgés tués dans des affrontements à Luena.**

(30/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011300547.html>

**Katanga : un major des FARDC et des insurgés tués dans des affrontements à Luena.**

(29/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/29/katanga-un-major-des-fardc-et-des-insurges-tues-dans-des-affrontements-a-luena/>

**Katanga: les FARDC ripostent à une attaque des Maï Maï à Luena, 5 morts.**

(27/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/27/katanga-les-fardc-ripostent-a-une-attaque-des-mai-mai-a-luena-5-morts/>

*An FARDC major and several insurgents got killed during armed confrontations in Luena, Haut-Lomani district in Katanga province.*

**Kazumba: conflit coutumier, le chef de groupement de Bakwa Nzeba blessé.**

(28/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/28/kazumba-conflit-coutumier-le-chef-de-groupement-de-bakwa-nzeba-blesse/>

*The chief of the groupement Bakwa Nzeba got seriously hurt during fighting over a conflict over land in Kazumba territory, West Kasai.*

**Equateur: situation sécuritaire calme à Buburu.**

(26/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/26/equateur-situation-securitaire-calme-a-buburu/>

*A humanitarian delegation composed of NGO representatives and UN personnel visited some villages along the Ubangi river, Province Equateur, to evaluate the security situation on the ground, one year after the Enyele rebellion uprising. The team observed the situation is relatively calm, although civilians are complaining about harassments.*

**Humanitarian Action in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Weekly Bulletin, 29 November 2010.**

(29/11/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/MDCS-8BPD5E?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

**RD Congo : Bulletin d'Information Humanitaire - Province du Nord Kivu, 23 novembre 2010.**

(23/11/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/LSGZ-8BMD5T?OpenDocument&RSS20=22-P>

**Democratic Republic of the Congo: Internally displaced people (IDPs) - Nov 2010.**

(15/11/2010 – OCHA – Reliefweb)

<http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900SID/RKRR-8BPL8H?OpenDocument&RSS20=02-P>

*OCHA reports on the humanitarian situation and humanitarian assistance in the eastern Congolese provinces.*

**Witness Recounts Atrocities Committed by Bemba's Soldiers.**

(24/11/2010 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011250058.html>

**First Witness in Long-Awaited Trial Recalls Murders and Rapes Committed by Bemba's Troops.**

(26/11/2010 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011292187.html>

**Witness - Only Bemba's Soldiers Raped.**

(25/11/2010 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011290155.html>

**Les accusations du témoin n°38 au procès de Jean-Pierre Bemba.**

(25/11/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011250758.html>

*War crimes accused Jean-Pierre Bemba's troops raped young girls, and threatened, beat and shot people who tried to resist the confiscation of their property, a witness said today. Continuing his testimony from yesterday, the first prosecution witness in the trial of the former Congolese vice president recounted various atrocities he said Mr. Bemba's troops committed in the Central African Republic (CAR) during 2002 and 2003. At the time, the troops were in the country to assist then CAR president Ange-Félix Patassé to fight off an armed insurgency.*

**Witness Concedes Government Troops Also Committed Atrocities.**

(26/11/2010 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011270032.html>

**Procès Bemba - Le témoignage du n° 38 mis en doute.**

(26/11/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011260353.html>

**Procès Bemba - Des trous de mémoire chez le «Témoin 38».**

(26/11/2010 – Le Phare – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011260429.html>

*Jean-Pierre Bemba's defense today attempted to punch holes in the testimony of the first prosecution witness, by questioning him how he could be sure that it was troops belonging to the group commanded by the accused that committed atrocities in the Central African Republic (CAR) during 2002 and 2003.*

**Witness - Bemba's Soldiers Raped Me, Stole Our Goats, Shot Our Dog.**

(30/11/2010 – Bemba Trial Website - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201012010167.html>

*The third witness to testify in the trial of former Congolese vice president Jean-Pierre Bemba today recounted how soldiers of the Movement for Congolese Liberation (MLC) stormed her house, raped her, stole ducks and goats, and shot the family dog.*

**What the Bemba Trial Means to Victims.**

(29/11/2010 – Bemba Trial Website – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011292188.html>

*As the trial of Jean-Pierre Bemba gets underway this week, political analysts will go into overdrive about what the case means for the fragile peace in the DRC. In addition, many will see this as a crucial test of the International Criminal Court's (ICC's) ability to deliver justice in a region whose politics is inextricably linked to bloodshed and instability.*

**Defense Concludes Examination of Investigator; Child Soldier Testifies.**

(24/11/2010 – Lubanga Trial Website - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011250059.html>

*Defense counsel Jean-Marie Biju-Duval concluded the cross-examination of Mr. Nicolas Sebire, investigator for the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) of the ICC, on issues of abuse of process in the trial of Thomas Lubanga for conscripting, enlisting, and using child soldiers in the DRC in 2002 and 2003. Trial Chamber I is hearing testimony about alleged witness tampering, following allegations that intermediaries used by the OTP bribed or coached witnesses to falsely testify that they took part in the 2002-2003 conflict as child soldiers in the militia of Mr. Lubanga.*

**FDLR****Sud-Kivu: retour hésitant des déplacés à Kitumba.**

(25/11/2010 – Radio Okapi)

<http://radiookapi.net/actualite/2010/11/25/sud-kivu-retour-hesitant-de-deplaces-a-kitumba/>

*Villagers are returning to Kitumba, southwest of Minembwe in Fizi, after they fled FDLR attacks last week.*

**LRA****Strategy to Support the Disarmament of the Lord's Resistance Army.**

(24/11/2010 – The White House)

For consultation at request.

*The strategy paper was a requirement of the Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act signed into law by President Barack Obama in May. It is the product of a six-month multi-agency evaluation aimed at devising a more effective international response to the murderous rogue militia led by LRA founder Joseph Kony. The White House was charged with formulating a plan of action to tackle the law's four primary objectives: civilian protection, removing Kony and his top commanders from the battlefield, bringing the remaining fighters out of the bush, and, finally, channeling humanitarian assistance towards communities affected by the LRA.*

**Barack Obama's plan to defeat Ugandan LRA rebels.**

(25/11/2010 – BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-11837310> (English)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2010/11/101125\\_obama\\_kony.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/french/news/story/2010/11/101125_obama_kony.shtml) (French)

**US reveals plan to disarm LRA fighters.**

(25/11/2010 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/nov/25/us-plan-disarm-rebels-central-africa>

*US President Barack Obama has outlined a plan to disarm one of Africa's most feared rebel militias, the Ugandan Lord's Resistance Army. President Obama presented his four-point strategy for disarming the rebels to the US Congress in a letter to senators and representatives.*

### **President Obama - Rapid Action Needed On Central Africa Violence.**

(25/11/2010 – Human Rights Watch - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011251171.html> (English)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011260392.html> (French)

### **Insécurité causée par la LRA - Barack Obama invité à mettre en oeuvre la stratégie annoncée le 24 novembre.**

(30/11/2010 – Le Potentiel – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011300550.html>

*President Barack Obama should move swiftly to implement a strategy released on November 24, 2010, to stop atrocities committed by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and help affected communities rebuild, a coalition of seven human rights groups said today.*

### **Kampala se réjouit du plan Obama pour combattre la rébellion.**

(27/11/2010 – Radio France Internationale – allAfrica)

<http://fr.allafrica.com/stories/201011291007.html>

*The Ugandan government has welcomed Obama's plan to fight the LRA rebellion.*

### **How do you solve a problem like Joseph Kony?**

(29/11/2010 – The Guardian)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cifamerica/2010/nov/29/uganda-international-criminal-justice>

*President Obama's new strategy for rooting out Joseph Kony has won praise from US activists who campaigned vigorously for "the humanitarian use of force" in the region. Yet the "disarmament" approach contains little that is new, risks fanning the dying embers of the LRA, and perpetuates US efforts at geopolitical steering of Africa.*

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### **Kenya and Nation to Start Joint Disarmament.**

(29/11/2010 – The Monitor – allAfrica)

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*The governments of Kenya and Uganda have agreed to conduct a joint cross-border disarmament in the neighbouring districts of Karamoja in Uganda and North Pokot in Kenya.*

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### **Four Die in Clashes Amid Rumours of Rebellion.**

(24/11/2010 – Radio France Internationale - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011250062.html>

*Four people were killed Tuesday night in two separate incidents in Burundi. In one of the incidents, the police and the army organised a joint operation to dislodge a group of gunmen at Vugizo in the southern Makamba province. This occurs as there are still rumours of a rebellion in formation.*

### **Nation's Shrinking Political Space.**

(24/11/2010 – IRIN)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011240484.html>

*Burundi's government is coming under increasing pressure for its alleged suppression of any opposition and denial of political motives behind rising insecurity. It was hoped that elections earlier this year would consolidate the country's democratic progress after years of civil war.*

**Calls for Dialogue.**

(30/11/2010 – IRIN)

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?ReportId=91243>

*Political parties in Burundi, which is striving to move on from years of civil war, have called on the government to engage in dialogue and cease what they regard as a policy of oppression and harassment.*

**Civil Liberties Face Threat.**

(26/11/2010 – Catholic Information Service for Africa - allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011261155.html>

*A newly-released report by the New York-based group Human Rights Watch is expressing concerns that President Pierre Nkurunziza of Burundi is moving to impose a dictatorship. Opposition parties are partly banned, journalists imprisoned and there are reports of torture, according to the report "Closing Doors? The Narrowing of Democratic Space in Burundi."*

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**WikiLeaks : Washington place la région des Grands Lacs sous haute surveillance.**

(29/11/2010 - Jeune Afrique)

<http://www.jeuneafrique.com/Article/ARTJAWEB20101129150451/>

*Article on the WikiLeaks documents referring to the Great Lakes Region.*

**Reporting and Collection Needs - African Great Lakes (DROC, Burundi, Rwanda).**

(29/11/2010 – WikiLeaks – allAfrica)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201011291763.html>

*A document, described by WikiLeaks, as a secret U.S. State Department cable, issued under the name of Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, reporting on the African Great Lakes region's needs.*

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(July 2010 – Amnesty International, IPIS, Transarms)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

*Effective regulation of the global trade in conventional arms must include adequate provisions to control the physical movement of arms across international borders. The proposed Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) should be designed to prevent unauthorised or irresponsible international transfers of weapons, munitions and related equipment internationally: it must therefore require states to impose effective controls and reporting requirements on the transport and transporters of arms, including through Free Trade Zones. Without such requirements, the ATT will fail to address a significant gap in international arms transfer controls, and will deprive states of a key tool to prevent arms transfers where it can be foreseen the arms are likely to be used to violate human rights and destroy lives and livelihoods contrary to international law.*

#### **Les devoirs de la République centrafricaine dans le contexte des activités des entreprises.**

(July 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

#### **Les devoirs internationaux de la République centrafricaine relatifs à la conservation des milieux d'importance et des espèces sauvages.**

(July 2007 – IPIS)

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(June 2010 – IPIS)

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#### **Amélioration de la pratique de l'Etude d'Impact Environnemental.**

(June 2010 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/ong-rca.php>

*Four reports on IPIS' project concerning capacity building of NGOs in the Central African Republic working on the management of uranium. The reports analyse the CAR's mining and environmental legislation, and the country's obligations in the field of environmental management and the regulation of enterprises' activities.*

#### **Jaarverslag 2009.**

(06/05/2010 – IPIS)

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*IPIS has published its activity report 2009. The activity report is a comprehensive report of IPIS' activities in 2009. Its assignments, publications and lectures are presented in this document. The English version follows later on.*

**Mapping Conflict Motives: Province Orientale (DRC)**

(March 2010 – IPIS)

[http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping\\_orientale.php?&lang=en](http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php?&lang=en)

**Cartographie des motivations derrière les conflits: 'Province Orientale' (RDC).**

(June 2010 – IPIS)

[http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping\\_orientale.php](http://www.ipisresearch.be/mapping_orientale.php)

*It is the fourth study in the IPIS mapping series and deals with the presence, behaviour and motivation of the armed groups that have been active in the Orientale province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2009.*

*With the publication of this fourth mapping report, IPIS links two areas it has studied and mapped in the past: the Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Central African Republic. IPIS is trying to complete the jigsaw puzzle of a conflict-ridden region. The following report constitutes a new piece fitting into this puzzle. As the work advances, ever more linkages will appear and facilitate regional analysis.*

**From deceit to discovery: The strange flight of 4L-AWA (text and documents).**

(December 2009 – IPIS)

<http://www.ipisresearch.be/arms-trade.php>

*On Saturday 12 December 2009 Thai authorities seized an aircraft at Bangkok's Don Mueang airport. The Ilyushin-76 had stopped on the 11th December for refuelling while en-route from Pyongyang to Tehran, and was carrying 35 tonnes of arms and ammunition. While the media rushed to make unproven claims about the plane and alleged former owners of the aircraft, little attention was paid to the web of companies, the flight plan, and final destination.*

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