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UN Special Envoy congratulates the Congolese parties on the signing of the Political Compromise

Nairobi, 1 January 2017 - The Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, Mr. Said Djinnit, congratulates the *Conférence Épiscopale Nationale du Congo* (CENCO) and the concerned parties on the successful conclusion of the talks and the signing of the Political Compromise on 31 December 2016. He expresses his appreciation to the CENCO leadership for its tireless mediation efforts and commends the signatory parties for their readiness to make important compromises for the sake of peace and stability of their country. He calls on all parties to ensure the full and effective implementation of the agreement so as to pave the way for the holding of free and fair elections and a peaceful transition of power in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"This is a significant milestone in the promotion of reconciliation and democracy in the country which is consistent with the DRC national commitments under the February 2013 Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework Agreement for the DRC and the region (PSCF)", he said. "It is my hope that the faithful implementation of the 31 December agreement will also create the basis for further progress in the implementation of the PSCF Agreement and thus contribute to greater stability and sustainable development throughout the Great Lakes region", he noted. "I take the opportunity on this first day of 2017 to call on all leaders of the region to continue to demonstrate their unwavering commitment to end the cycles of conflict that continue to affect the region and ensure the social and economic progress their people so much yearn for."

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