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### OUTGOING FACSIMILE

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<b>Subject:</b> <u>MINUSCA – Lack of professionalism of the Congolese contingent.</u>		
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I have noticed with increasing concerns that, despite the repatriation of the former battalion commander, there has been no improvements in the behavior of the Congolese battalion. The situation has deteriorated to the point that the battalion is no longer trustable because of poor leadership, lack of discipline, and operational deficiencies.</li> <li>2. The battalion is notorious for SEA misconducts, fuel trafficking, and poor discipline. On such a poor display of leadership and military discipline, I have addressed no less than six blame letters to the battalion commander since the beginning of the year 2017.</li> <li>3. The last operational readiness assessment (mid-March) pinpointed the lack of adequate logistic capability. Out of 114 vehicles, only 18 (15.93%) are serviceable, 44 are waiting for maintenance, the rest is not available. This poor maintenance of the equipment has rendered the battalion unable and even unwilling to fulfill operational tasks, thus putting the Force's efficiency and credibility at risk, even though more than five Congolese delegations have visited the Mission with the objective to correct the shortcomings.</li> <li>4. The Force requires troops with appropriate operational capacity and leadership, therefore Congo should commit itself to improving without delay the standard of its unit. If not, decision should be made to repatriate and replace the Congolese battalion.</li> <li>5. Forwarded for your kind perusal.</li> </ol>		
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