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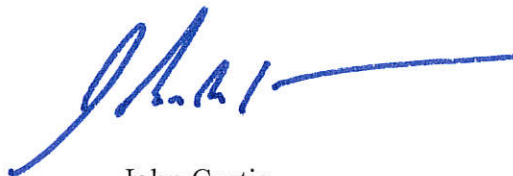
I write to you concerning the violence being committed against the Banyamulenge community of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

The Banyamulenge community are urging the international community, and the United States in particular, to intervene and stop ongoing militia violence in the South Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. For the last three years local Mai Mai militias, in conjunction with Burundian-led armed group allies, have reportedly killed more than 200 Banyamulenge, wiped out 200 villages, and looted more than 125,000 cattle in different villages in the area.

Therefore, I would like to inquire into the steps you are taking to urge the UN—specifically United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)—to take action to protect the Banyamulenge community of the DRC. From your perspective, what can the UN do to prevent and deter armed group attacks against civilians in eastern DRC more broadly?

Thank you again for your strong leadership at the United Nations and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



John Curtis
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