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Congo Memory Institute considers the appointment of Mary Robinson is a defining moment for the resolution of the pernicious conflict which has caused countless civilian victims

Congo Memory Institute welcomes the appointment of Mary Robinson as the United Nations Special Envoy in the Great Lakes Region. Olivier Kambala, director of the Institute, says “the United Nations Secretary General is to be commended for acting swiftly after the signing of the 24 February 2013 Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of Congo and the region”.

Congo Memory Institute congratulates Mary Robinson for her appointment and believes she is best suited to coordinate efforts to reach durable solutions under a complex framework tasked to catalyse multi-stakeholders peace initiative in the Great Lakes Region, and particularly in the DR Congo.

Congo Memory Institute believes that the appointment of Mary Robinson, a former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, will mark the beginning of a collective memory in the DRC and in the Great Lakes Region on the suffering of its people and a foundation for the struggle against impunity.

Olivier Kambala underlines that the “Congo Memory Institute will avail its expertise to assist Madame Robinson in her duties, especially those related to governance, reforms, accountability and reconciliation”.

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