

**DEMAND
JUSTICE
FOR RAPE
SURVIVORS**

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**IT IS TIME FOR ALL OF US
TO ASSUME OUR RESPONSIBILITY
TO GO BEYOND CONDEMNING
THIS BEHAVIOUR,
TO TAKING CONCRETE STEPS
TO END IT,
TO MAKE IT SOCIALLY
UNACCEPTABLE,
TO RECOGNIZE
IT IS NOT CULTURAL;
IT IS CRIMINAL.**

HILLARY CLINTON, SEPTEMBER 2009

UN SECURITY
COUNCIL MUST
FULFIL ITS
COMMITMENTS TO
WOMEN, PEACE
AND SECURITY
IN DEMOCRATIC
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In August 2010, armed groups systematically raped more than 300 women, girls, men and boys in a four-day attack on villages in Walikale, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Government security forces and UN peace keepers failed to protect them.

Survivors were left traumatized, in pain and without assistance.

At least 15,000 rapes took place in the DRC last year, says the UN. The number is likely to be much higher. The DRC government and the UN are clearly failing to protect civilians and are not responding effectively to the crimes.

In September 2009, a month after she returned from the DRC, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton presided over the UN Security Council adoption of Resolution 1888. The Resolution sets out measures to protect civilians from sexual violence in times of armed conflict. It also establishes how to respond effectively to the violence, including ensuring that those who commit the crimes are prosecuted and that survivors have access to health care, psychosocial support, legal assistance and socioeconomic reintegration services.

This December, the USA will re-assume the Presidency of the Security Council. Please call on Hillary Clinton to lead efforts to ensure the full implementation of Resolution 1888 and end the widespread sexual violence against the people of the DRC.

Image: A woman in Nyanzale camp for internally displaced people, Democratic Republic of Congo, July 2008.
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Dear Hillary Clinton,

As the USA assumes Presidency of the UN Security Council, I urge you to ensure that effective measures are taken towards ending widespread crimes of sexual violence against the people of the DRC.

The recent rape of more than 300 people in Walikale shows that the DRC government and the UN are failing to implement Security Council Resolutions on Women and Peace and Security – including Resolution 1888, which you played a lead role in developing.

The Security Council must ensure that the DRC government and the UN take urgent measures to:

- increase protection of civilians against sexual violence and other human rights violations, including through vetting and training of the national army.
- address the medical, psychosocial and economic consequences of widespread sexual violence, including through building the national health care system.
- develop an effective plan to build the national justice system to ensure that survivors have access to justice and redress.

Yours sincerely,

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