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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 150 of the Rules of Procedure

on the case of Jean-Jacques Wondo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2025/2510(RSP))

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the case of Jean-Jacques Wondo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2025/2510(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)
 - having regard to Rule 150 (5) of its Rules of Procedure
- A. whereas Jean-Jacques Wondo, a Belgian military expert of Congolese origin, moved to Kinshasa in February 2024 at the request of President Tshisekedi, who offered him a position with the Congolese intelligence agency ANR, to assist the intelligence services with reforms; whereas Jean-Jacques Wondo was arrested in the wake of the coup attempt that took place on 19 May 2024 in Kinshasa, being accused of being the mastermind of the coup attempt;
- B. whereas on 13 September 2024 Jean-Jacques Wondo was sentenced to death in Kinshasa despite a huge lack of evidence against him; whereas Wondo's health situation has deteriorated considerably during his stay in prison;
- C. whereas in the wake of the failed coup 37 people in total, among which are 6 foreigners, were sentenced to death by the military court in Kinshasa; whereas the Belgian Foreign Minister has expressed "deep concern" over the verdict emphasising Belgium's strong opposition to the death penalty and stressing that the right to defence must be respected; whereas the European Union has repeatedly condemned the lifting of moratorium on the death penalty in DRC;
- D. whereas the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Human Rights plans to undertake a mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo in July 2025;

1. Strongly condemns the unjust imprisonment and death sentence of Jean-Jacques Wondo and the limited evidence presented during the trial, and suspects that he may be a victim of an internal vendetta within the Congolese intelligence services;

2. Demands the DRC authorities to release Jean-Jacques Wondo immediately and unconditionally, as well as all others detained who have been imprisoned and sentenced without factual evidence;
3. Denounces the degradation of the rule of law, human rights and basic democratic principles in DRC and urges President Tshisekedi to intervene;
4. Calls on the EU delegation in Kinshasa to closely monitor the unprecedented human rights abuses in DCR, to closely follow the case against Jean-Jacques Wondo and to visit him in prison;
5. Urges the Council to adopt sanctions under the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime against the Congolese court and officials in charge of the trial of Jean-Jacques Wondo;
6. Recalls the firm and unequivocal opposition of the European Union to the use of the death penalty at any time and in any circumstances;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Government and President of DRC.