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Call from the Bishop of Goma for the international community to act immediately and decisively for peace in eastern DRC

With the escalation of the conflict in eastern DRC following Sunday's incursion of Rwandan troops into Congolese sovereign territory on the Goma/Rubavu border, and mindful of the subsequent humanitarian and security risks in the region, the international community must act now.

In solidarity with those suffering in Goma and across eastern DRC, we call for

1. The immediate and unconditional cessation of hostilities and respect of the existing ceasefire agreement.
2. The protection of the civilian population and an urgent humanitarian response including the restoration of power and water to the city.
3. The withdrawal of those external forces from DRC soil which are in clear violation of DRC's territorial sovereignty. This includes the M23 and the RDF.
4. A resumption of dialogue in good faith between Kigali and Kinshasa believing that peaceful and diplomatic means are the only way to end the conflict which has already caused untold suffering.
5. The international community to invest every effort and to consider using all possible means to bring peace to eastern DRC.

People in the region want only peace.

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