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Jean-Marie Guéhenno is the Arnold A. Saltzman Professor of Professional Practice at the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies and Director of the Center for International Conflict Resolution at Columbia University. He is also a non resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and at the Center on International Cooperation (NYU), and he serves as the chairperson of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva and a member of the board of the International Crisis Group. He spent the last few months working with Kofi Annan as deputy joint special envoy for Syria. He left this position to become chair of a French Commission that is preparing a White paper on French defense and national security. As the Under-Secretary-General for peacekeeping operations from 2000 to 2008, Guéhenno became the longest-serving head of peacekeeping and led the largest peacekeeping expansion in the history of the United Nations. Before joining the United Nations, he was the director of policy planning in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1989 to 1993, and French ambassador to the Western European Union from 1993 to 1995. Mr. Guéhenno is a member of the Paris Bar. He is officier de la légion d'honneur and has the commander's cross of the German order of merit. Guéhenno is a graduate of the Ecole Normale Supérieure, the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA).

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Fabienne Hara serves as the Vice President (Multilateral Affairs) of International Crisis Group since 2008, overseeing Crisis Group's advocacy at the United Nations and the Security Council in New York, and directing the Crisis Group New York office. Ms. Hara has over eighteen years of experience in African conflict management and resolution issues. Most recently, she served as Acting /Deputy Chief of the United Nations Mission in Sudan (2006- 2007). She was previously a Senior Political Officer in Department of Political

Affairs at the UN and a Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School of Government (2005). Between 1998 and 2003, she was the Co-Director of the Africa Program at Crisis Group. Ms. Hara also served as the Great Lakes Project Coordinator at the Center for Preventive Action of the Council on Foreign Relations (1996-1997) and as a team leader for Doctors of the World in Burundi (1995). Fabienne Hara holds a Postgraduate degree in International Relations and MA in Political Science and International Relations, both from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (1991-1994).

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Pascal K. Kambale is educated in International Law, Humanitarian Law, and Constitutional Law from the Harvard Law School in the US and the University of Kinshasa in his native Democratic Republic of the Congo. A former member of the Congolese Law Reform Commission (1996), Mr. Kambale was called to the Kinshasa Bar in 1989 and has gained an extensive experience of human rights litigation. He has practiced international criminal law in the DRC as well as in Dakar, Senegal and Ndjamena, Chad. Pascal has for the past eight years worked on the Open Society Foundations' (OSF) Africa Governance, Monitoring and Advocacy Project (AfriMAP) which aims to monitor and promote compliance by African states with the requirements of good governance, democracy, human rights and the rule of law. From September 2011 to September 2012 he was based in Kinshasa on a temporary secondment with the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) as its country director for DRC. Pascal has over 20 years of experience working with respected national and international human rights organizations on a broad range of issues, from monitoring to reporting on human rights violations, as well as on human rights promotion and litigation. He has also worked with government agencies, AU institutions and the UN human rights system. From 1999 to 2005, Mr. Kambale worked for Human Rights Watch (HRW) as a senior team member for Africa of HRW's Campaign for the Establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Among his assignment with HRW has been to design and enforce the organization's stand and policy on international justice and international tribunals. He has previously worked as (i) a human rights officer in the Guinean country office of the UNHCHR in Conakry (2010); (ii) a member of an international Commission of Investigation into Post Election Violence (CIPEV) set up to establish facts and circumstances during the violence following the December 2007 elections in Kenya (2008); and (iii) a human rights officer with the UN Peacekeeping Mission to Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) in 2000.

http://www.osiwa.org/en/political_governance/leadership/

Michel Noureddine Kassa is the Country Team Leader for the Initiative for a Cohesive leadership in the DRC. As such he is in charge of devising and implementing a strategy aimed at bringing together key actors of DRC's political, security, economic and social sectors through interactive, process-centered sessions. The Initiative for a Cohesive Leadership in the DRC mobilizes financial support from bilateral cooperation sections (currently Switzerland, Sweden). ILC partners regularly with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (through Leadership and Africa programs). Prior to that, Kassa spent eight and a half years (1995-2003) setting up and running the UNDP humanitarian office, which, in view of the scale of the crisis, he transformed as OCHA DRC, and carried out a number of field consultations that led to the reopening of air, river and train axes across the various frontlines. In May 2003, together with a few colleagues and

partners, he put R2P into practice by staying alongside the 20,000 Iturians who sought UN protection in Bunia, calling for Chapter VII and peace enforcing deployment (Artemis came in June 2003), and stressing the need to hold national leaders responsible for the violence perpetrated against civilians. He later served as emergency officer and associate chief of section (Southern, Central and North Africa) for OCHA's Co-ordination and response division in Geneva. Kassa has also served as MSF head of missions in Haiti, South Africa, as Administrator in Malawi, as an electoral observer in South Africa (1994) and as Head of mission for Action contre la Faim in Baluchistan, Pakistan. Kassa is French and Algerian.

<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/the-drc-training-initiative>

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Anneke Van Woudenberg joined Human Rights Watch in 2002 as the senior researcher on the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Since 1999, Anneke has focused on humanitarian and human rights issues in the DRC working as the Country Director for Oxfam GB during the height of the war. She has provided regular briefings on the situation in the DRC to the United Nations Security Council, U.S. Congress, the British Parliament and the European Parliament. Anneke has written numerous reports and briefing notes on human rights in the DRC and is a regular commentator in the international press. Previously she worked as a researcher in the British and Canadian parliaments, followed by six years in the private sector for a large multinational bank and Andersen Consulting, including assignments in South Africa and Russia. Anneke has a Masters Degree in International Relations from the London School of Economics.

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