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The Security Council,

Recalling its previous relevant resolutions and statements by its President on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in particular resolutions 1493 of 28 July 2003 and 1533 of 12 March 2004,

Reaffirming its commitment to respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and all the States in the region,

Reiterating its full support to the Government of National Unity and Transition of the Democratic Republic of the Congo,

Deeply concerned by the ongoing tensions and by the continuation of hostilities in the Eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly in the provinces of North and South Kivu, as well as in the Ituri district,

Reaffirming its readiness to support the peace and national reconciliation process, in particular through the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC),

Welcoming MONUC's readiness to take an active part in the joint verification mechanism whose creation was announced by the Presidents of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of Rwanda in Abuja, on 25 June 2004,

Noting that the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security in the region,

- 1. Decides to extend the mandate of MONUC, as contained in resolutions 1493 and 1533, both adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, until the 1st of October 2004;
- 2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council, before 16 August 2004, on the execution by MONUC of its mandate;
 - 3. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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