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**From:** The Enough Project [mailto:[redacted]]  
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**Subject:** Secretary Clinton Must Focus on Cause of Congo Conflict

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Woman in Congo <<http://www2.americanprogress.org/images/WomenInBed.jpg>>

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READ <<http://capweb.democracyinaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=%2BbQ9ckoA9ZIfYGXEr4yvXZ4MJWhAnPnX>> Enough Co-founder John Prendergast discusses our link to the conflict in the Boston Globe

READ <<http://capweb.democracyinaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=Opzy%2FGkPFO%2BIF7HVkSk6LmmGnHaKXNYs>> a statement from the Congo Advocacy Coalition

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TEXT THE SECRETARY on CONGO at 90822

"HELP WOMEN IN CONGO, STOP THE CONFLICT MINERALS TRADE"

Secretary Clinton should champion the conflict minerals legislation to ensure that it's signed into law and implemented properly. You can text the message or email here.

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"DO NOT END SUDAN SANCTIONS WITHOUT REAL PROGRESS"

At a recent Senate hearing on Sudan, Special Envoy Gration asked for "more space on sanctions" claiming that they were hindering development in southern Sudan. Congress already took action in 2006 to create significant exceptions for the south and other marginalized areas of Sudan for development purposes.

We should not roll back the sanctions. We need assurances from Secretary Clinton that the Obama Administration will support keeping the sanctions in place until the Sudan government fulfills its obligations on the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and the peace process in Darfur. You can text the message or email here.

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Women running from destruction <<http://www2.americanprogress.org/images/CongoWomenRunning.jpg>>

A woman carrying her child runs for safety from the burning compound of presidential candidate Jean-Pierre Bemba's bodyguards in Congo's capital, Kinshasa, in July 2006. Congo's largely successful elections in 2006 have not proven to be a panacea to Congo's ills; 45,000 people die each month, mostly from the crippling effects of widespread conflict in the Congo's eastern provinces.

<[http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/files/u6/enough\\_reports.jpg](http://www.raisehopeforcongo.org/files/u6/enough_reports.jpg)>

- Eastern Congo: An Action Plan to End the World's Deadliest War

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- Confronting Rape and Other Forms of Violence Against Women in Conflict Zones

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- A Comprehensive Approach to Congo's Conflict Minerals

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- In New Report, Secretary Ban Calls Attention to Sexual Violence

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- In Their Own Words: Survivors, Perpetrators Talk about Rape in Congo

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- Congo's Courageous Men

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<<http://capweb.democracyinaction.org/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=CAAmhikjMG5WF%2BPon%2Bxmjm1WNp9EkoOk>> a slide show detailing how conflict minerals go from the mines of Congo to your cell phone, iPod, and other electronics products.

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