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The Ministry of External Relations of the Republic of Zaire presents its compliments to all Diplomatic Mission accredited to Kinshasa and has the honour to inform them that it is aware of measures of restriction, related to the granting of visas, which are being applied against Zairean nationals members of the Presidential family, association of the Civil Society and Political parties supporting the Presidential political tendency, by some Kinshasa based Chanceries of certain countries as well as in some Capitals of neighbouring countries.

The Ministry of External Relations notes that such measures which apply sanctions of Freedom of speech and association are more than discriminating and constitute, therefore a flagrant violation of human rights of which these old traditional democratic countries claim to defend.

We can no longer remain insensitive to this situation; thus the Ministry of External Relations feels obliged on one hand to request these missions which until now have been applying these measures, to put an end to this practice and on the other hand to let know that henceforth any Chancery wherever it is applying such measures attempting to violate the fundamental rights of Zairean nationals will expose the nationals of their respective countries to immediate reciprocal measures accordingly to pertinent dispositions of Vienna Convention of 18th April 1961.

The Ministry of External Relations thanks the Diplomatic Missions for the particular attention they will give to this note and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the latter its highest consideration.

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