



Ventora Development

To: Congo n'est pas a Vendre Coalition (Congo is not for sale Coalition) (CNPAV)

Copy: Human Rights Watch,
Resource Matters (also a member of CNPAV)
Rights and Accountability in Development – RAID (also a member of CNVAP)
The Sentry

15 September 2023

Dear all,

Further to our letter of 13 September 2023, we are writing to inform you, out of courtesy and in good faith, that today marks the eve of one of the most significant and holy periods in the Jewish religious calendar. As you may be aware this commences with Rosh Hashanah (Jewish new year) followed by Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar, and concludes with the festival Sukkot. These constitute a continuous holy period, which will run from 15 September to 8 October.

Mr Gertler and his team will be observing this full period of Jewish festivals.

We would therefore request that that the Coalition uses this time to make and communicate its decision in relation to the defamation proceedings in the DRC in accordance with the letter from Ventora and our legal team in the DRC on 13 September. This will enable our dialogue to continue without delay once the Jewish festivals are over, as we seek to arrange a joint meeting through open and constructive mutual engagement.

Once we return from the holiday period, we hope that we will expediently reach an agreement on the terms of reference for holding a planning and logistics conversation on a without prejudice and confidential basis between representatives from both sides in the near future.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and understanding.

Very best,

Ventora Development (Communications Team)