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PRESS RELEASE

At its 50th meeting held on 28 April 2006, the Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU) was briefed on the outcome of the Military Reconnaissance Mission that visited the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi, from 12 November to 3 December 2005, as part of the follow up to the decision on the forceful disarmament and neutralization of the ex-FAR/Interahamwe and other armed groups in Eastern DRC, which was adopted at its 23rd meeting, held in Libreville, on 10 January 2005.

The members of the Council exchanged views on the outcome of the Mission and agreed to continue consultations on the recommendations of the Mission and to then convene a meeting at the appropriate level to finalise their discussions.

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