

# Press Releases: Democratic Republic of the Congo National Day

Press Statement  
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Best wishes to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo on 57 years of independence.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo stands at a critical juncture, with an opportunity to build on and consolidate the important gains of the past years through an historic peaceful and democratic transfer of power. We wish the Democratic Republic of the Congo success as it strives to build a better future where all Congolese can participate freely in the democratic election of their leaders, benefit from the country's enormous resource wealth, and work together in building a peaceful and prosperous future.

The United States stands with the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in these efforts and is committed to helping your country realize its full potential.

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