Genocide in the African Great Lakes States

Challenges for the International Criminal Court in the Case of the Democratic Republic of Congo

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List of acronyms

AI Amnesty International

ALIR Armée pour la Libération du Rwanda (Army for the Liberation of Rwanda)

DR Congo Democratic Republic of Congo (République Démocratique du Congo)

EU European Union

EP European Parliament

FAR ex-Forces Armées Rwandaises

FPR Front Patriotique Rwandais

FNLI Front National pour la Libération (of Burundi)

ICC International Criminal Court

ICTY International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

ICTR International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

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I. General Introduction

1.1. The Problematic of Genocide in the DR Congo and in the African Great Lakes States

The problematic of genocide in the DR Congo includes factual, theoretical and judicial aspects. Firstly, the factual aspect can be analysed from military\(^3\), economical\(^4\) and political\(^5\) perspectives at both the national and international level. Why have the members of the United Nations and the African Union who supervised political negotiations and signed the peace agreements as


*EU Parlement*, Résolution du Parlement Européen sur le récent massacre de Kisangani (République Démocratique du Congo), Bruxelles, 13/06/2002.