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## **Uganda**

**Mr. Drew:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what assessment he has made of the implications of UK policy towards **Uganda** of any discovery of new oilfields in that country. [294849]

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**Mr. Ivan Lewis:** Oil companies operating in **Uganda** have announced significant new discoveries this year in the Albertine Rift Valley region in Western **Uganda**. Technical and financial challenges remain, but current projections suggest that **Uganda** could become an oil producing nation within a few years. Oil resources could, if properly managed, help to strengthen **Uganda's** economy and development prospects.

The UK has urged the government of **Uganda** to design and implement sound and transparent strategies for harnessing oil resources that support peaceful economic and political development.

**Mr. Drew:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what discussions he has had with the government of **Uganda** on the subject of refugees from Sudan in that country. [294850]

**Mr. Ivan Lewis:** None

### **Uganda: Armed Conflict**

**Mr. Drew:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what recent reports he has received of the status of the peace negotiations with the Lords Resistance Army (**LRA**) is; what recent reports he has received of countries where the **LRA** is active; and if he will make a statement. [292433]

**Chris Bryant:** The Government of **Uganda** and the Lord's Resistance Army (**LRA**) agreed a peace settlement, the Final Peace Agreement (FPA), in April 2008 after almost two years of negotiations mediated by the Government of Southern Sudan. However the **LRA** has yet to honour its commitment to sign the final peace agreement.

The **LRA** are known to be operating in Southern Sudan, the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of **Congo**.

The Government regularly discuss **LRA** activity with the Government of **Uganda**, and stress the importance of both continued regional cooperation to deal with the threat and protecting civilian populations from **LRA** attacks.

At the recent UN General Assembly Ministerial week, my hon. Friend the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Mr. Ivan Lewis) discussed the **LRA** with Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa. Our posts in Kampala, Juba, Khartoum, Yaounde and Kinshasa continue to monitor the situation closely, and have raised the issue with other interested parties, including the UN.

*Lords – 28.10.2009 OPQ*

*3.29 pm*

*Asked By Lord Chidgey*

To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the risk of elements of the **Lord's Resistance Army** moving into Darfur and of consequential threats to security in the region.

**The Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead):** My Lords, there are reports that on 21 October the **Lord's Resistance Army** raided camps for displaced Darfuris in southern Sudan. These claims are denied by the Government of Sudan. The **LRA** is a destabilising force wherever it operates and is notorious for brutal abuses of human rights. **LRA** activity in Darfur would threaten an already fragile security environment there, as well as continuing to pose a threat to broader stability in the region.

**Lord Chidgey:** I thank the Minister for that reply. She may be aware that there are claims that opposition troops within Sudan are deliberately rearming and regrouping the **LRA** in order to destabilise the attempts at a referendum later this year or beyond, and to affect the comprehensive peace agreement. There is a clear need to improve and strengthen our support for the United Nations mission that is attempting to identify the **LRA**. I believe that the Minister will agree that this should be done, and that it is our responsibility as co-guarantors of the peace agreement.

**Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead:** I hesitate to say yes. Our support for the United Nations is very strong, but the noble Lord will be aware that both MONUC in the Democratic Republic of **Congo** and UNMIS in south Sudan are under enormous pressure. There is a likelihood that the MONUC force will receive 3,000 more soldiers in the near future; if that is so, it is possible that we can use them in this case with the **LRA**.

**Lord Alton of Liverpool:** My Lords, given that Joseph Kony and three of his lieutenants are wanted for war crimes and, when apprehended, are to appear before the International Criminal Court, how do the

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Government respond to MONUC's complaint that western Governments have not shared information with it about the whereabouts of Joseph Kony in order to bring about his apprehension? What does the Minister know about the funding of the LRA? Who is responsible for providing it with the weapons that it has used in Darfur, Uganda, the Central African Republic and southern Sudan?

**Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead:** The LRA is destabilising the situation in the region wherever and whenever it can. The United Nations, the UK and the European Union are well aware, as is the African Union, that finding Kony is not easy. It has been asserted that he was on that sortie into Darfur and south Sudan; certainly that whole region is being destabilised. It is encouraging, though, that we are seeing a military collaboration by the regional powers to try to deal with the mayhem that he has created.

The International Criminal Court issue is a separate one, because it will be up to Uganda. The final peace agreement has not been agreed by Kony. A special court has been set up in Uganda, which is sitting there waiting. Were he to be captured, it would have to be decided what to do next.

**Baroness Whitaker:** My Lords, what is the Government's assessment of the current humanitarian situation in Darfur? What can be done to protect civilians against the recent military activities?

**Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead:** Our main priority, rightly, is the protection of civilians, because they are the ones being affected most severely by the crisis in the region. With regard to humanitarian assistance, the UK has been investing substantial amounts in supporting peace, recovery and longer-term development in south Sudan. The situation in Darfur remains fragile; humanitarian access is inadequate and a great deal more needs to be done. DfID has committed major investment in the south and in northern Uganda where the LRA was based, but we need to realise that the suffering and misery of the people in the Darfur region of Sudan carries on almost unabated.

**The Lord Bishop of Winchester:** The noble Baroness mentioned the reinforcements for MONUC, which it was decided by the UN to send last October. Does she agree that had those reinforcements arrived, which they have not, MONUC might have been able to work with other forces in dealing to some extent with Kony so that he might never have got to Darfur in the first place?

**Baroness Kinnock of Holyhead:** I thank the right reverend Prelate for the point that he correctly makes. It is indicative of the difficulty we have across the region in putting in place the forces necessary to cover such terrible instability and insecurity. The United Nations is greatly stretched, and moving its forces around is very difficult if not impossible. We hope to be able to have some more soldiers in place in the region where the LRA is now increasingly active. However, the UN is also working in the DRC and across the whole region in an effort to try to introduce a semblance of stability and security for the people there.

Type: Oral Parliamentary Question (OPQ)

Date of Answer:	28.10.2009
Column References:	713 c1168
Member Tabling Question:	Northover, Baroness
Topic:	Darfur: <b>Lord's Resistance Army</b>
Question:	My Lords, can the Minister assure us that the <b>LRA</b> will not be pushed back into northern <b>Uganda</b> ? Given that hunger is partly driving the <b>LRA</b> , can anything further be done to try to separate off those who have been forcibly recruited by the <b>LRA</b> , including child soldiers, and to isolate the leadership further?
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Kinnock of Holyhead, Baroness
Answer:	<p>Every effort is being made to try to take out of the <b>LRA</b>'s forces some of those—the young people, for instance—who have been coerced. Tens of thousands of child soldiers have been involved in this appalling brutality.</p> <p>The noble Baroness should be aware that <b>Uganda</b> is working hard to protect its borders. It is working with the <b>DRC</b>, south Sudan and the Central African Republic, which are all engaged in trying to push back the <b>LRA</b>. We know that the <b>LRA</b> goes in to steal humanitarian food supplies from displaced people, but it is very difficult to control.</p>
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## Rwanda

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Date of Answer:	
Column References:	
Member Tabling Question:	Chaytor, David
Topic:	
Question:	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what steps his Department is taking with (a) other donor

	countries and (b) the <b>Rwandan</b> government to ensure that the recommendations of the EU Electoral Observer Mission to <b>Rwanda</b> in 2008 are implemented before the presidential election in <b>Rwanda</b> in 2010.
<b>Answering Department:</b>	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
<b>Member Answering Question:</b>	
<b>Answer:</b>	
<b>Question Number:</b>	297292
<b>Date Tabled:</b>	28.10.2009
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<b>Type:</b>	Written Parliamentary Question (WPQ)
<b>Date of Answer:</b>	22.10.2009
<b>Column References:</b>	497 c1613-4W
<b>Member Tabling Question:</b>	Simpson, Keith
<b>Topic:</b>	Democratic Republic of <b>Congo</b> : Internally Displaced Persons
<b>Question:</b>	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what estimate has been made of the number of people who have been displaced in Democratic Republic of the <b>Congo</b> as a result of the activities of the Lords Resistance Army since the beginning of 2009; which countries have received such people; and if he will make a statement.
<b>Answering Department:</b>	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
<b>Member Answering Question:</b>	Lewis, Ivan
<b>Answer:</b>	According to a recent report by the UN Secretary General, 226,000 people have been displaced in the Democratic Republic of <b>Congo (DRC)</b> as a result of the activities of the <b>Lord's Resistance Army</b> since the beginning of 2009. We are aware that many displaced people from the <b>DRC</b> have moved to South Sudan. We are also aware that some refugees may have fled to <b>Uganda</b> and the Central African Republic. We strongly condemn the atrocities committed by the <b>Lord's Resistance Army</b> in the northern <b>DRC</b> and throughout the

	Great Lakes Region of Africa. They have committed appalling human rights abuses against the civilian population, including mass executions and abductions. The UN Mission to the <a href="#">DRC</a> , MONUC, has increased its presence in the north of the country, after being urged to do so by the UK and other governments. MONUC is providing logistical support to humanitarian organisations, which are providing relief to the civilian population. We also strongly urge co-ordination between the different peacekeeping missions in that region of Africa.
Question Number:	294536
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Date of Answer:	12.10.2009
Column References:	713 c22WA
Member Tabling Question:	Avebury, Lord
Topic:	<a href="#">Uganda: Lord's Resistance Army</a>
Question:	To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will discuss with the governments of the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council and of <a href="#">Uganda</a> , Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the <a href="#">Congo</a> a military operation under Article 42 of the United Nations Charter to capture or eliminate terrorists in the <a href="#">Lord's Resistance Army</a> .
Answering Department:	
Member Answering Question:	Kinnock of Holyhead, Baroness
Answer:	Agreement between the Governments of <a href="#">Uganda</a> , Democratic Republic of the <a href="#">Congo (DRC)</a> and south Sudan led to a joint military operation, Lightning Thunder, against the <a href="#">Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)</a> , which began in December 2008. We regularly discussed the progress of the operation with the Governments involved. Operation Lightning Thunder is now over, but military operations designed to put further pressure on the <a href="#">LRA</a> are continuing. We continue to raise this

	issue regularly, most recently on 9 September 2009, with the Ugandan Foreign Minister, and with the UN Mission to the <a href="#">DRC</a> (MONUC) in Kinshasa and Kampala. The situation is also discussed at the UN Security Council at least every quarter. There are currently no plans for a Chapter 7 mandated operation against the <a href="#">LRA</a> .
<b>Question Number:</b>	5407
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<b>Date of Answer:</b>	12.10.2009
<b>Column References:</b>	497 c37W
<b>Member Tabling Question:</b>	Oaten, Mark
<b>Topic:</b>	Democratic Republic of <a href="#">Congo</a> : Armed Conflict
<b>Question:</b>	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what recent reports he has received on the location and detention of General Laurent Nkunda.
<b>Answering Department:</b>	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
<b>Member Answering Question:</b>	Lewis, Ivan
<b>Answer:</b>	The <a href="#">Congolese</a> and <a href="#">Rwandan</a> authorities have stated that they are still in discussions on how to deal with Laurent Nkunda. We understand that Nkunda remains under house arrest in <a href="#">Rwanda</a> .
<b>Question Number:</b>	292119
<b>Date Tabled:</b>	09.10.2009
<b>Date for Answer:</b>	12.10.2009
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<b>Type:</b>	Oral Parliamentary Question (OPQ)
<b>Date of Answer:</b>	21.10.2009
<b>Column References:</b>	497 c900
<b>Member Tabling Question:</b>	Clarke, Tom
<b>Topic:</b>	HIV Vaccine (Funding)
<b>Question:</b>	Will my hon. Friend and his ministerial colleagues

	use their influence to ensure that people, particularly in east Africa, including Uganda, are not encouraged to pull out of the necessary treatment because of the terrible picture in terms of the food shortage?
<b>Answering Department:</b>	Dept for International Development
<b>Member Answering Question:</b>	Foster, Michael John
<b>Answer:</b>	My right hon. Friend has had a long-term interest in international development, and I pay tribute to that. I entirely agree with his sentiment that it is important that people who have embarked on treatment continue with it if we are to deal with the scourge of HIV/AIDS.
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<b>Type:</b>	Written Parliamentary Question (WPQ)
<b>Date of Answer:</b>	28.10.2009
<b>Column References:</b>	498 c378-9W
<b>Member Tabling Question:</b>	Wishart, Pete
<b>Topic:</b>	Conflict Prevention
<b>Question:</b>	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (1) which countries the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Conflict Resolution Mechanisms has visited in an official capacity since February 2009; and what the costs of such visits were;
<b>Answering Department:</b>	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
<b>Member Answering Question:</b>	Lewis, Ivan
<b>Answer:</b>	The right hon. Jack McConnell MSP, my right hon. Friend the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Conflict Resolution Mechanisms, was appointed in October 2008 and reports to my right hon. Friends the Secretaries of State for Foreign Affairs, Defence and International Development. He has made a valuable contribution to advancing the UK's peacebuilding objectives. He has in particular engaged with the UN Secretariat and key stakeholders around the world to press for an ambitious UN Secretary-General report on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict. Mr. McConnell's expenses are funded by

the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), the Department for International Development (DfID) and the Ministry of Defence (MOD). Travel and approximate costs of visits since February 2009 are as follows:"In Bosnia (February 2009) he met representatives of the EC Delegation and the International Commission for Missing Persons—£1,500.""In Ethiopia (February 2009) Mr. McConnell met with representatives of the African Union; Africa Commission; UN Economic Commission for Africa, Institute for Security Studies; Centre for Policy Research and Dialogue; Ethiopian Institute for Peace and Development—£3,000.""In Uganda (March 2009) he met representatives of various UN agencies—£2,100.""In the USA (April 2009) he met representatives of the International Monetary Fund; World Bank and the UN—£5,900.""In Egypt (May 2009) he met representatives of the UN; Africa Society and International Crisis Group—£4,000.""In Japan (May 2009) he met representatives of the Japan International Co-operation Agency; Peace Winds; Nature Japan; The Japan Foundation; the Association for Aid and Relief; the Japan Centre for Conflict Prevention; the Graduate Institute for Policy Studies—£4,600.""In the USA (June 2009) he visited the Stanley Foundation Retreat—£1,700.""In Brazil (July 2009) he met representatives of Mendes University; Viva Rio; GAPCon; Brazilian Youth Council; University of Brasilia—£8,650.""Mr. McConnell travelled to West Africa in August 2009. In Liberia he met representatives of the UN Development Programme; Committee on Peace and Reconciliation. In Sierra Leone he met representatives of the Gola Forest Programme and G&G Manager Exploration. In Ghana he visited the Kofi Annan Centre for Peacekeeping and met representatives of the Legon Centre for International Affairs—whole visit £5,000.""In Chile (September 2009) he attended a meeting of the UN Peacebuilding Commission—£3,540.""Mr. McConnell travelled to Belgium (October 2009) and met with a range of EU interlocutors from the Presidency, Commission and Council Secretariat on EU/UN relations, civilian capability development, and EU civilian/military cooperation—£1,130.""Mr. McConnell visited East Africa (Rwanda, Burundi and Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo) (October 2009). In Burundi he met representatives of International Alert,

Kamenge Youth Project, EU members and the UN Integrated Office (BINUB). In [Rwanda](#) he visited the Motobo Camp, met with members of the UN and representatives of the Clinton Hunter Development Initiative, Search for Common Ground and the Mines Advisory Group. In the [DRC](#) he met representatives of the UN, the UN Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs, International Committee of the Red Cross and Oxfam. This visit has only just been completed and the final cost is not yet available." "Whilst in London Mr. McConnell has met with representatives from the World Child Cancer Foundation and Pumpaid." "Some of Mr. McConnell's time is spent in London to meet or receive briefings from senior FCO, DfID and MOD officials and to see London-based experts on conflict." "Mr. McConnell has recently met the Prime Minister, and visited the Foreign and Commonwealth office on 1 February 2009, 15 February 2009, 3 March 2009, 5 March 2009, 9 March 2009, 23 March 2009, 9 April 2009, 19 April 2009, 11 May 2009, 9 June 2009, 28 June 2009, 7 July 2009, 18 August 2009, 10 September 2009, 12 October 2009, and 26 October 2009."

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<b>Column References:</b>	498 c68-9W
<b>Member Tabling Question:</b>	Mitchell, Andrew
<b>Topic:</b>	Democratic Republic of <a href="#">Congo</a> : Armed Conflict
<b>Question:</b>	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what steps he is taking to promote full implementation by the governments of <a href="#">Rwanda</a> and Democratic Republic of <a href="#">Congo</a> of their commitments to non-military policies to disarm, demobilise and repatriate members of the FDLR, as agreed in the 2007 Nairobi Communiqué; and if he will make a statement.
<b>Answering Department:</b>	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
<b>Member Answering Question:</b>	Lewis, Ivan

<b>Answer:</b>	[holding answer 21 October 2009]: A combination of military and non-military pressure on the Democratic Liberation Forces of <b>Rwanda</b> (FDLR), and political co-operation between the Democratic Republic of <b>Congo (DRC)</b> and <b>Rwanda</b> , remains the most likely way of tackling the FDLR. Both countries recently announced their ambassadors, and <b>Congolese</b> President Kabila and <b>Rwandan</b> President Kagame held their first ever bilateral summit in August. We continue to encourage <b>DRC</b> and <b>Rwanda</b> to work on other key areas, such as border security, trade and the return of refugees.
<b>Question Number:</b>	294737
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<b>Column References:</b>	498 c378-9W
<b>Member Tabling Question:</b>	Wishart, Pete
<b>Topic:</b>	Conflict Prevention
<b>Question:</b>	(1) which countries the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Conflict Resolution Mechanisms has visited in an official capacity since February 2009; and what the costs of such visits were; (2) which non-governmental organisations the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Conflict Resolution Mechanisms has met since February 2009; and what issues were raised in each meeting; To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; (3) on which dates since February 2009 the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Conflict Resolution Mechanisms has visited (a) the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and (b) 10 Downing Street; and what the purpose of each visit was; (4) what representations of each type the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Conflict Resolution Mechanisms has received as part of his dialogue with (a) the United Nations, (b) the EU, (c) the African Union and (d) others; and on which dates each such representation was received; (5) when the Prime Minister's Special Representative for

	Conflict Resolution Mechanisms last reported to the Prime Minister; and what issues were discussed.
<b>Answering Department:</b>	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
<b>Member Answering Question:</b>	Lewis, Ivan
<b>Answer:</b>	<p>The right hon. Jack McConnell MSP, my right hon. Friend the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Conflict Resolution Mechanisms, was appointed in October 2008 and reports to my right hon. Friends the Secretaries of State for Foreign Affairs, Defence and International Development. He has made a valuable contribution to advancing the UK's peacebuilding objectives. He has in particular engaged with the UN Secretariat and key stakeholders around the world to press for an ambitious UN Secretary-General report on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict. Mr. McConnell's expenses are funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), the Department for International Development (DfID) and the Ministry of Defence (MOD). Travel and approximate costs of visits since February 2009 are as follows: "In Bosnia (February 2009) he met representatives of the EC Delegation and the International Commission for Missing Persons—£1,500." "In Ethiopia (February 2009) Mr. McConnell met with representatives of the African Union; Africa Commission; UN Economic Commission for Africa, Institute for Security Studies; Centre for Policy Research and Dialogue; Ethiopian Institute for Peace and Development—£3,000." "In <b>Uganda</b> (March 2009) he met representatives of various UN agencies—£2,100." "In the USA (April 2009) he met representatives of the International Monetary Fund; World Bank and the UN—£5,900." "In Egypt (May 2009) he met representatives of the UN; Africa Society and International Crisis Group—£4,000." "In Japan (May 2009) he met representatives of the Japan International Cooperation Agency; Peace Winds; Nature Japan; The Japan Foundation; the Association for Aid and Relief; the Japan Centre for Conflict Prevention; the Graduate Institute for Policy Studies—£4,600." "In the USA (June 2009) he visited the Stanley Foundation Retreat—£1,700." "In Brazil (July 2009) he met representatives of Mendes University; Viva Rio; GAPCon; Brazilian Youth Council; University of Brasilia—£8,650." "Mr. McConnell travelled to</p>

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<b>Member Tabling Question:</b>	Oaten, Mark
<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Uganda:</b> Armed Conflict
<b>Question:</b>	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what recent reports he has received on the districts where troops of the Lords Resistance Army are operating.
<b>Answering Department:</b>	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
<b>Member Answering Question:</b>	Bryant, Chris
<b>Answer:</b>	According to reports that we have recently received, the Lords Resistance Army's main areas of activity are in Southern Sudan (mostly in Western Equatoria State), the Democratic Republic of <b>Congo</b> (the Haut-Uele in the Orientale province) and the Central African Republic (Haut-Mbomou prefecture).
<b>Question Number:</b>	292519
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<b>Column References:</b>	498 c1010W
<b>Member Tabling Question:</b>	Drew, David
<b>Topic:</b>	Africa: Armed Conflict
<b>Question:</b>	To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what recent discussions he has had with the government of (a) Sudan, (b) South Sudan, (c) <b>Uganda</b> and (d) Democratic Republic of <b>Congo</b> on the current level of activity of the Lords Resistance Army.
<b>Answering Department:</b>	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
<b>Member Answering Question:</b>	Bryant, Chris
<b>Answer:</b>	The UK regularly discusses Lords Resistance Army ( <b>LRA</b> ) activity with the government of <b>Uganda</b> and stresses the importance of continued regional co-operation to deal with the threat and

civilian protection from **LRA** attacks. At the recent UN General Assembly Ministerial week, my hon. Friend the Minister of State (Mr. Lewis), discussed the **LRA** with Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa. Our posts in Kampala, Juba, Khartoum, and Kinshasa continue to monitor the situation closely, and have raised the issue with other interested parties, including the UN and host governments. In addition, my right hon. Friend the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Conflict Resolution Mechanisms, Jack McConnell MSP, discussed **LRA** activity during his recent visit to Goma, Eastern Democratic Republic of [Congo](#).

<b>Question Number:</b>	296047
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