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## **News Release**

# **Let us not forget the people of the Congo, says MP Trost**

*Diplomatic and Humanitarian efforts need to be re-doubled*

**OTTAWA** – Brad Trost, Member of Parliament for Saskatoon-Humboldt, made the following statement about the humanitarian crisis in the eastern Congo during Statements by Members in the House of Commons before the start of Question Period yesterday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009:

**Mr. Bradley Trost (Saskatoon—Humboldt, CPC):** “Mr. Speaker, for more than a decade, war has ravaged the eastern Congo. In a conflict that has largely been forgotten by the western world, an estimated 5.4 million people have perished. A number that increases by some 1,000 lives every day. The conflict in the Congo does not have the geopolitical or domestic political significance that other conflicts may have. It does not have an “evil imperialistic western power” for the western press to vilify. It is merely a local conflict about greed and the lust for power, but that does not mean it deserves to be forgotten. It is important that we remember that the purpose of Canadian foreign policy is ultimately to advance Canadian values throughout the world. The Government of Canada has acted in the region in both diplomatic and humanitarian fashion, and will continue to act in the future. It is important that these efforts be redoubled so that the Congo comes to a final peace. It is too late to change the past, but let us not forget it. Let us not forget the people of the eastern Congo who so desperately need our help.

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