

**ITEM B.121
FOR ACTION**

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
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Subject: Comment to the 221st GA (2014) - Overture 068 “On Helping To Remedy the Tragic Conditions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo – From the Presbytery of Boston”

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 068 “On Helping To Remedy the Tragic Conditions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo – From the Presbytery of Boston”

Comment:

Overture 68 was drafted by the Advocacy Committee of the Congo Mission Network (a PCUSA Community of Mission Practice) with input from PCUSA partners in Congo: the Presbyterian Church of Congo, the Church of Christ in Congo and the Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa. These partners have asked PCUSA to advocate, on their behalf, for the US government to address the need in DR Congo for heightened respect of human rights and more effective governance. Our partners have specifically voiced concern for the need to address the issues of gender based violence, child soldiers, extractive industries and need for improved education. By passing this overture PCUSA would be giving voice to the concerns of our Congolese church partners and addressing the root causes of poverty which have caused this resource rich country to be at the very bottom of the Human Development Index.