



Break the Silence – End the Violence

**International Women's Day
Vigil in Support of Women in the Congo
Sunday, March 8th, 2009**

3 PM- 5:00 PM: Vigil

DuPont Circle, Washington DC
*Massachusetts Avenue, Connecticut Avenue,
New Hampshire Avenue, P Street and 19th Street*

6 PM- 8:30 PM:

Film Screening

Reeves Center, Washington DC
2000 14th Street, NW 14th and U Streets, NW

Nearly six million people have died in the ongoing Congolese war since 1996 and hundreds of thousands of women and girls raped and mutilated. 45,000 Congolese continue to die each month.

Congolese women who recently arrived from the Congo will show films, provide testimonies and present reports about the impact of conflict and rape on women and children in the Congo.

“Christine watched from the forest floor as the rebels raped, burned and butchered. She was lying on her belly when she saw that her 18-year-old daughter, Chantal, had been captured. Chantal has not been seen since.” - *The New York Times*

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Organizations in Washington, DC, Seattle, Brussels, Belgium, North and South Kivu in Congo, are gathering in solidarity with the women of the Congo as they overcome the challenges of war, rape and sexual violence.