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The Parliament of the Democratic Republic of Congo has recently been the scene of several important news and innovations, including :

1. Strengthening democracy : The Congolese Parliament is working to strengthen institutions, through reforms aimed at guaranteeing transparency, accountability and representativeness of citizens.
2. The fight against corruption by adopting laws and measures aimed at promoting good governance.

On this subject, we cite for example the following laws :

- Organic law establishing the creation, organization and operation of the National Anti-Corruption Agency ;
- Law ratifying Ordinance-Law No. 22/017 of July 27, 2022 authorizing the ratification of the convention with a view to avoiding double taxation and preventing tax fraud and evasion in matters of tax on income between the DRC and Turkey, Qatar and United Arab Emirates ;
- Law authorizing the ratification of the convention between the DRC and the Kingdom of Belgium with a view to avoiding double taxation and preventing tax fraud and evasion in matters of tax on income and wealth ;
- Bill authorizing the ratification of the African Union convention on the prevention of the fight against corruption ;
- Draft law amending and supplementing law n°007/2002 of July 11, 2002 relating to the mining code ;
- Law on the general property regime, land and real estate regime and security regime.

3. Digitalization : The Senate of the DRC is exploring digitalization initiatives to modernize its working methods, improve its productivity and strengthen the transparency of parliamentary processes. These initiatives and innovations demonstrate the commitment of the DRC parliament to evolve in a constantly evolving environment, while meeting the needs and expectations of its population.

Thanks to the partnership with the UNDP, the Senate services with the installation and configuration of two applications for direct transcription of sound into text and automatic recording of sound, these two software programs further facilitate the work of the registry services.

Also, the Senate has built a digital resources center, which will be used for videoconferencing, learning about Digital services, Framework for Dialogue and Consultation of the Senate with the Provincial Assemblies of the DRC.

The Government of the DRC has strengthened the institutions responsible for the fight against corruption, such as the National Intelligence Agency (ANR) and the General Finance Inspectorate (IGF) in order to effectively combat corrupt practices.

He also committed to regularly publishing public accounts and audit reports to ensure transparency on the use of public funds.

The Government of the DRC has also launched reforms aimed at strengthening transparency in the mining sector by putting in place monitoring and accountability mechanisms to ensure responsible mining.

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