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Rwanda National Congress Welcomes U.S. Ambassador Nomination to Rwanda

PORTLAND, Maine – July 23rd, 2026 – The Rwanda National Congress (RNC) welcomes President Donald Trump's nomination of a new United States Ambassador to Rwanda, Nicholas Checker, a position that has remained vacant since January 2026.

The incoming Ambassador will assume the role amid significant diplomatic and regional challenges. Rwandan military forces and their allied armed group, M23, currently occupy key parts of the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), including the cities of Goma and Bukavu. Rwanda stands accused of violence and plunder of the DRC's rich mineral resources. In response, the United States has imposed sanctions on the Rwandan military and on General James Kabarebe, a close associate of Rwandan President Paul Kagame.

"The new American ambassador faces a complex and demanding portfolio," said the RNC Spokesperson, Advocate Ignore. "We wish the Ambassador success in advancing U.S. interests, promoting stability in the Great Lakes region, and upholding democratic values during this challenging tenure."

About the Rwanda National Congress (RNC)

Founded in 2010, the RNC is a democratic political organization dedicated to promoting peace, unity, freedom, justice, and democracy in Rwanda. The RNC advocates for accountable governance, respect for human rights, national reconciliation, and the establishment of democratic institutions that serve all Rwandans without discrimination.

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