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COUNTRY : REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

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SOURCE : A EUROPEAN BUSINESSMAN (B) FROM A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE CABINET MEETING.

1. ON 16 MARCH 63 THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET UNANIMOUSLY PROPOSED SUGGESTIONS PUT FORWARD BY PREMIER CYRILLE ADOULA FOR A RESHUFFLE OF MINISTERIAL LEVEL POSITIONS IN GOVT. (SOURCE COMMENT: COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES PREVENTED THE SUB-SOURCE FROM GIVING A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE ADOULA PROPOSALS.) THE MEETING ENDED WITHOUT A DECISION BUT WITH AN AGREEMENT TO HOLD ANOTHER CABINET MEETING ON 17 MARCH, AT WHICH IT APPEARED LIKELY THAT ALL MINISTERS WOULD RESIGN AND IN THEIR RESIGNATIONS TO ADOULA.

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