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Abstract

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traitors'. Yet if there is criminal gain from tantalum on the part of Congolese and foreign actors, tantalum mining has also become a critical mode of survival for many at the grassroots. International action against the 'war economy' in the Congo must therefore be careful to punish the real villains.

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