

## REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI



### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND SPOKESMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT

#### COMMUNIQUE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI FOLLOWING THE RESOLUTION 2279 (2016) BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL.

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1. The Government of Burundi appreciates the efforts by the international community particularly the UN with its constant interest in assisting Burundi to find ways of solution to the problems it is going through.
2. It is in this context that the Government has taken careful note of the 2279 (2016) Resolution adopted by the United Nations Security Council in its 7764th meeting on 1 April 2016. This resolution complements the resolution 2248 adopted on November 11, 2015.
3. The Government of Burundi would like to thank once again the United Nations Security Council for its strong commitment to the sovereignty, political independence, territorial integrity and unity of Burundi, as well as its understanding that security on the territory of Burundi and the protection of the population is the prime responsibility of the Government of Burundi.
4. With regard to addressing internal problems in Burundi, the Government has already committed to conduct the Intra-Burundian Dialogue to detect all problems that undermine the Burundian society and propose solutions. And in order to carry out efficiently the process already launched, the Government of Burundi has officially declared its intention to cooperate with the United Nations to obtain its assistance to support this process.
5. The Intra-Burundian Dialogue conducted under the facilitation of President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni currently supported by former Tanzanian President Benjamin William Mkapa concerns all Burundian both from inside and the Diaspora, as the Government is committed to this process. The Government has always reiterated this commitment and has shown gestures of good will in this perspective.

Thus, the National Commission responsible for steering the Intra-Burundian Dialogue (CNDI) is ready to work together with the facilitation team to organize the dialogue with Burundians living outside.

6. About the work of the CNDI, the Government wishes to inform the opinion that the first phase of the internal dialogue just ended across 18 provinces, and the Commission is to organize meetings for different social groups in all municipalities.

7. It should be stressed however that the dialogue should only concern stakeholders committed to a peaceful solution and the Government of Burundi share this view with the United Nations in particular by its recent resolution (2279) as well as that of 12 November 2016 (2248). Furthermore, the Government of Burundi would like to stress once again that this dialogue, so inclusive it should be, shall in no way obscure the work of Justice nor favor impunity.
8. Regarding the deployment of a police sent by the United Nations, the Government is quite okay for a limited presence of unarmed police experts (about twenty) that would bring the necessary expertise to the Burundian security forces over the promotion of human rights and enhance overall the rule of law.

The Government of Burundi is willing to conduct the necessary consultations with the United Nations with a view to determine by agreement the practical arrangements for the arrival and deployment of these police elements. This presence would also enhance the work of observers agreed with the African Union and whose deployment terms are under negotiation.

9. Finally, the Government of Burundi welcomes the good initiative by the UN Security Council to consider measures against all parties in Burundi and abroad whose actions and statements may help to perpetuate violence and hinder the search for a peaceful solution.

To this end, the Government of Burundi expects clear action from the UN Security Council inasmuch as it is convinced that reports available show that there are people outside, who train and arm those who come to perpetrate violence and disturb peace and security in Burundi.

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