

REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND SPOKESPERSON OF THE GOVERNMENT

Communiqué of the Government of Burundi following the adoption of the Resolution A / HRC / 33 / 2016.- .L.31 on September 30 by the Human Rights Council

Following the adoption of the Resolution A / HRC / 33 / L.31 by the Thirty Third Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, the Government of the Republic of Burundi has taken note of the text, and would like to bring to the attention of the national and international opinion the following:

- 1.** The Government of Burundi notes that this text was prepared, submitted and approved by the European Union which has taken ownership of the findings of the Report established on 9 September 2016 by three experts of an alleged UN Independent Investigation in Burundi (UNIIB), a biased report that was undertaken and produced for the sole purpose of paving the way for this resolution and to destabilize the Burundian Nation.
- 2.** Yet, before the publication of the findings of this report, the Government of Burundi had produced and submitted on time to the Human Rights Council, comments on the report in order to clarify the points of disagreement with the report and thus enable the Council to have balanced elements to come up with an acceptable resolution.

3. Unfortunately, we note with regret that these comments were not taken into account in drafting the resolution. Instead, there was a clear and deliberate desire not to publish the comments simultaneously with the findings of the UNIIB report, just to provide the opinion only with the negative and alarmist view about Burundi, which in itself constitutes a flagrant violation of human rights.

4. The Government of Burundi considers that the above mentioned elements, added to the false assertions within the resolution, expose further the bad faith of the author of the mentioned Resolution, namely the European Union and consequently makes the text inapplicable in Burundi.

5. Nevertheless, the Government of Burundi reaffirms its commitment to continue its cooperation with the international community particularly the United Nations, in keeping with the spirit of its Charter regarding the independence and sovereignty of member states.

6. Finally, the Government urges the people of Burundi to consolidate its unity, to remain calm and to keep up with development works. And to the defence and security forces to step up their patriotic spirit and cohesion, as the unjust measures excessively taken against Burundi only intends to divide this body which constitutes an insurmountable bulwark for the enemies of the Independence of Burundi.

Done at Bujumbura, October 03, 2016

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