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In memory of Madam Marie Claudette Kwizera, Treasurer of Iteka, reported missing since December 10 2015. From December 2015 to January 2017, Iteka has documented at least 387 cases of enforced disappearances.

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ACRONYMS

CDS : *Health Center*

CNDD-FDD : *National Council for the Defense of Democracy-Forces for the Defense of Democracy*

CPI: *International Criminal Court (ICC)*

CPP : *Code of Criminal Procedure(CCP)*

DCE : *Communal Direction of Education*

DPE : *Provincial Direction of Education*

EAC: *East African Community*

ECOFO : *Fundamental School/Ecole Fondamentale*

FAB: *Burundi Armed Forces*

FNL: *National Liberation Forces*

OMS: *World Health Organization (WHO)*

OPJ : *Judicial Police Officer*

PAM : *World Food Programme(WFP)*

PJ : *Judicial Police*

RN : *National Road*

SNR : *National Intelligence Service*

UA : *African Union (AU)*

VBG : *Gender Based Violences (GBV)*

0. INTRODUCTION

Allegations and violations of human rights were recorded during this reporting period: at least 1 person killed, 3 reported missing, 9 tortured, 53 arbitrarily arrested and 1 person was a GBV victim. Policemen, SNR agents, the Imbonerakure, the CNDD-FDD ruling party's youth are blamed as the perpetrators of most of human rights violations.

The phenomenon of corpses is reported in this bulletin. At least 2 corpses were registered by the Iteka League during this reporting period.

This bulletin reports cases of arbitrary arrests and torture of alleged opponents to President Pierre Nkurunziza's 3rd term.

Members of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing, ex-FAB soldiers, political prisoners and residents of so-called third-term protesting zones have always been a privileged target of the repression organized by President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime.

This bulletin denounces a two-standard justice that hits hard the CNDD-FDD political opponents while it turns its back on those close to this party.

It protests against the impunity of crimes granted to those close to CNDD-FDD party. Members of this party involved in various crimes enjoy impunity with the complicity of the government.

It addresses the right to education, the right to health that are threatened in Burundi following the crisis in the country. Burundians continue fleeing the country to Tanzania following intimidation by the Imbonerakure and famine.

The security context is characterized by cases of assassination, arbitrary arrests and torture, armed robbery and the continuing acts of terrorism organized by the Imbonerakure youth against alleged opponents to the regime.

This bulletin makes recommendations to various partners likely to influence on the change in the precarious human rights situation in the country.

1. ALLEGATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

1.1. CASES OF ABDUCTION AND ARREST FOLLOWED BY ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

One person abducted and reported missing in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province

According to information received by our office on 25 February 2017, Vianney Minani, a native of Rubirizi zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province was abducted and reported missing since 17 February 2017. Our source states that the Imbonerakure are the perpetrators of this crime. The victim was imprisoned in Mutimbuzi commune police station cell before being taken by SNR agents to a destination hitherto unknown to relatives and friends.

"At his arrest, one of the Imbonerakure who was chasing him pointed a pistol on his forehead and extracted from him 40 thousand Bif before taking him to Mutimbuzi commune cell. He was then taken to the SNR cell and since then, there is no more news, "says a witness and close relative of the victim.

Members of his family and friends fear for the victim's security in a context where summary executions have become a sad reality in Burundi. "If someone is arrested, his corpse is often found the next day in the rivers or elsewhere. We fear for his security and we expect the discovery of the dead body as it has been the case for many other citizens, "a family member worries.

According to his relatives, the victim was on a list of persons wanted by SNR agents. "In Rubirizi zone, residents were forced to join CNDD-FDD and Minani Vianney was part of this group. He did not spend the night at home, his movements were observed. Among the Imbonerakure who arrested him, some were identified. The most cited name by many witnesses is Mafyeri, an SNR agent living in Maramvya zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province. He is among those who arrested him and who took him to the SNR, "says our source.

The population of Rubirizi demand that their security be guaranteed regardless of their political affiliation. They also demand that Vianney Minani be returned to his family or that his place of detention be indicated to his relatives.

Two persons arrested and reported missing in Burambi commune, Rumonge province

On February 22, 2017, Athanase Ndayahundwa, an ex-FAB retired soldier and another unidentified person were arrested by police on Gishiha Hill, Maramvya zone, Burambi commune, Rumonge province. They were handed over to the SNR agents who took them to an unknown destination hitherto, according to family members who ignore the reasons for their arrest. Ndayahundwa had survived an assassination in May 2016 during an armed attack that took the lives of three persons including two members of his family.

1.2. CASES OF TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT

A detainee tortured in Mpimba Central Prison, Bujumbura Mayorship

On 25 February 2017, a detainee named Jean Marie Haragakiza was tortured in Mpimba Central Prison, Bujumbura Mayorship. According to witnesses, a group of Imbonerakure working with the prison Director and SNR agents entered the victim's cell and attempted to strangle him. This group of Imbonerakure was led by Mugisha, deputy head of prisoners' security. Other prisoners rescued the victim but the despicable act was almost finished. The victim had passed out. The nurses feared to provide him for first aid fearing that their fate should the situation worsened. Prisoners of the same cell were also beaten. This group of criminals was not worried for their despicable acts and remains unpunished. Jean Marie Haragakiza had just been transferred to this prison on 23 February 2017 from Rumonge central prison, where he was a prisoners' security head officer, commonly known as the "main general".

Three detainees tortured and wounded in Murembwe central prison in Rumonge province

Three detainees were tortured and wounded in Murembwe central prison in Rumonge province on 23 February 2017. Information collected on the spot singled out the policemen who entered the prison and opened fire on the detainees. The prisoners were opposed to the transfer of 5 detainees, including Jean Marie Haragakiza, in charge of detainees' security, commonly known as the "main general". After this transfer, tension escalated and clashes broke out inside the prison. The activities in this prison were suspended immediately, the workers of this prison run away following the shots.

Two persons tortured and arrested in Bururi commune and province

On the morning of January 20, 2017, two men including Mabobwe from Bugarama hill, Muzenga zone, commune and Bururi province were tortured by Imbonerakure under the command of the technical adviser in charge of administration in Bururi commune, nicknamed Kadhafi. The victims in critical condition were afterwards imprisoned in Bururi police station cell. On order of this technical adviser of the administrator of Bururi, the OPJ named Ngoyi authorized this detention despite the victims' health state. The latter need quick assistance because their health is in danger.

A young activist of Agathon Rwas's FNL wing tortured and arrested and then detained in Mwumba commune, Ngozi province

Information received by Iteka League on 20 February 2017 indicates that Emmanuel Niyonkuru, a pupil of 4th form at Mwumba communal college was tortured and then taken to Mwumba commune police station cell on 14 February 2017 in Ngozi province. The perpetrators of this despicable act are Imbonerakure youth who even attempted to remove him physically on Kanyaru River, had it not been the intervention of the residents of this area. After their defeat, the Imbonerakure sentenced him to 315 lashes before taking him to Mwumba commune police cell, accusing him of belonging to Agathon Rwas's FNL party. His health state is critical because he has not been allowed to seek treatment.

Two persons tortured in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province

On February 21, 2017, two persons, Jules and Protais were tortured in Rutegama commune, Muramvya province. According to witnesses, these two farmers were accused by Imbonerakure and the head of Gashingwa hill named Déo Ntawikura for stealing beans from a neighbor.

1.3. CASES OF ARBITRARY ARRESTS AND ILLEGAL DETENTION

Eight militants of Agathon Rwas's FNL wing arrested in Ngozi province

Eight members of Agathon Rwas's FNL wing were arrested and taken to the PJ cell in Ngozi province on 20 February 2017 before being transferred to the central prison of the same province on 22 February 2017. The communal administrator of Ngozi ordered their arrest for holding secret meetings.

The eight people arrested were Benjamin Hitimana, Salvator Ndikumana, Nicodème Kameya, all from Ngozi commune, Norbert Ciza from Nyamurenza commune, François Bukuru from Tangara commune, Albert Ngendahayo from Mwumba, Emile Mutabazi from Busiga commune and Pascal Girabo from Kirembe commune. They were all in a pub called "Le destin", which is very close to the University of Ngozi.

These FNL militants of Aghaton Rwsa's wing refute these allegations. Information provided by the militants of the same party indicates that they were drinking like other bar customers.

One person arrested in commune Mutimbuzi, Bujumbura rural province

As of February 21, 2017, Joel Bizimana, son of Kaziri Marcel and Vumiliya residing on Kigwati II hill, Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province was arrested by the SNR head in Mutimbuzi commune known as Nono accompanied by Imbonerakure Anicet Niyonzima alias Muzorewa and Bonaventure Ntahondereye of Kigwati I. This young man was accused of collaborating with armed groups. He is detained in Gatumba Brigade cell, Gatumba zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura rural province.

Two people arrested in Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura Rural province

Two people including Gédéon Niyonkuru and a nicknamed Vares, abducted during the armed attack of 5 February 2017 around 9 p.m. on Kigwati I and II hills in Rukaramu zone, Mutimbuzi commune, Bujumbura province, Mutimbuzi Street, Bujumbura province, by unidentified armed men in police and military uniforms were returned on 22 February 2017 around 9 a.m. According to our sources, they took the opportunity to escape when the rebels sent them to fetch water from Rusizi River in the night of 21 February 2017. The police and the Imbonerakure then arrested them for investigation reasons, according to administrative sources. Pastor Japhet Ndamuzeye who was also abducted on 5 February 2017 was allegedly killed at the time of their abduction in Rukoko forest.

One person arrested in Muyinga commune and province

On 23 February 2017, Bernard, an ex-FAB retired soldier living on Mukoni hill, commune and Muyinga province was arrested by the SNR head in Muyinga. According to sources there, he was accused of collaborating with those who attacked Mukoni military camp. Information received by Iteka League indicates that Bernard was ransomed with a large sum of money before being released.

FNL member arrested in Bukemba commune, Rutana province

Information received by Iteka League on 23 February 2017 indicates that Anicet Ndayisaba, a member of FNL of Agathon Rwsa's wing arrested on 29 January 2017 in Bukemba commune is detained in Rutana central prison. According to sources on the spot, he was arrested after returning from Nduta refugee camp in Tanzania on 20 January 2017 accused of violating internal security. According to the same sources, the victim was candidate at communal level of Amizero y'abarundi coalition during the 2015 elections in Buraza commune, Gitega province. As a victim of stigmatization from the Imbonerakure, he had preferred to exile in Tanzania in September 2015. After several months, he had decided to voluntarily return from exile and went to live with his sister living on Bareremba sub hill, Gihofi hill, Bukemba commune, Rutana province. The victim was transferred from police

station cell in Rutana province to Rutana prison on 8 February 2017. The chambers was held on 21 February 2017 but the decision is not yet known.

At least 29 persons arrested in Cibitoke urban zone, Bujumbura Mayorship

As of February 23, 2017, policemen and soldiers carried out searches and household records check at the 15th and 16th Avenue in Cibitoke urban zone, Ntakangwa commune, Bujumbura Mayorship. During the operation, five persons were arrested and four of them were released after paying a ransom of 10,000 Bif each while the other is rotting in the police cell. This operation also took place on 24 February 2017 on avenues 9, 10 and 11 from No. 1 to No. 30 of the same zone where 16 people were arrested and taken to the police cell. A person arrested among the 16 of 11th Avenue No. 14 paid a ransom of 20,000 Bif to be released. In Mutakura quarter, from 3rd Avenue to 7th Avenue, another 8 persons were arrested on February 25, 2017 and a person from 4th Avenue No. 4 paid 20,000 Bif to be released.

Eight members of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing arrested in Bugarama commune, Rumonge province

On February 20, 2017, eight members of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing including three women were arrested by the police and detained in Magara zone police station cell, Bugarama commune, Rumonge province. The victims were released by order of the Governor after intervention of an MP from Rumonge, according to a source on the spot.

1.4. FAIR JUSTICE IN BURUNDI

Sentencing of an FNL member in Ruyigi province

In a court case without evidence involving members of Agathon Rwasa's FNL wing, a lady named Déodette Nakagoma, teacher at Notre Dame de Ruyigi Lycée and Regional Commissioner of FNL party in the provinces of Rutana, Ruyigi and Cankuzo was sentenced on 24 February 2017 to two years' imprisonment. The victim is accused in a case of distribution of firearms in which the MP Pascal Bizumuremyi is also involved. Observers denounce a biased and political judgment while the prosecution does not show evidence of this conviction.

1.5. RIGHT TO EDUCATION

Rate of school drop-outs in Burundi

School drop-outs are very worrying during the first quarter of the 2016-2017 school year at the fundamental as well as post-fundamental levels and the reasons are poverty, unwanted pregnancies and early marriages.

Some illustrative cases:

Bubanza Province

According to figures provided by DPE Bubanza, two thousand five hundred and thirty-two pupils in Bubanza have dropped out at the end of the first term. This rate of more than 2% worries the education authorities. According to the DPE, the schools of the communes where rain was rare have experienced a high rate of dropouts. Gihanga commune tops the list where

production was too low during agricultural season A. The communes of Mpanda, Rugazi and Musigati have more than 2.4% of dropouts. The lack of food in households is the main reason for this phenomenon

In schools with school canteens, there are few drop-outs compared to schools without food service: 916 pupils Vs 1616.

According to information collected from Musigati, pupils who do not give up seek to enroll in schools where children are fed and are not numerous. In total out of 229 ECOFO, 67 have school canteens. The canteens are funded by WFP.

The DPE Bubanza considers that school canteens are a solution to keep pupils at school. A request has been made to WFP to establish these canteens in schools that do not have them, especially those in schools affected by a food shortage. WFP response is eagerly awaited.

Cankuzo Province

Information received by Iteka League on 25 February 2017 shows some cases of drop-outs in Cankuzo province, including 2073 cases of drop-outs at primary school level throughout the province, in fundamental : cases from the 7th to 9th: 40 Cases in cankuzo commune, 57 cases in Cendajuru commune, 65 cases in Gisagara commune, 40 cases in 7th form in Kigamba commune. At post-9th form: 120 cases of drop-outs were reported. The most cited reasons are poverty and hunger. These data are for the first quarter only.

Rutana Province

In Rutana province, drop-outs in the first quarter of the 2016-2017 school year are also worrying. The following tables are available at DPE office.

1st cycle: 1st form to 6th form

D.C.E	Boys	Girls	Total
BUKEMBA	227	212	439
GIHARO	938	881	1819
GITANGA	204	194	398
MPINGA KAYOVE	287	228	515
MUSONGATI	267	182	449
RUTANA	262	226	488
TOTAL	2185	1923	4108

4th cycle: 7th form to 9th form

D.C.E	Boys	Girls	Total
BUKEMBA	63	80	143
GIHARO	131	78	209
GITANGA	52	65	117
MPINGA KAYOVE	72	86	158
MUSONGATI	62	68	130
RUTANA	48	44	92
TOTAL	428	421	849

Post fundamental

D.C.E	Boys	Girls	Total
BUKEMBA	14	4	18
GIHARO	15	7	22
GITANGA	16	5	21
MPINGA KAYOVE	12	8	20
MUSONGATI	15	16	31
RUTANA	20	6	26
TOTAL	92	46	138

The major causes are poverty, unwanted pregnancy and early marriages

1.6. RIGHT TO PROPERTY

More than 500 households expelled from their properties in Gihanga commune, Bubanza province

The decision to expel the families of Kagaragara area, Buringa commune Gihanga, Bubanza province has come into force on 20 February 2017. Some residents had begun demolishing their homes following this threat.

But, they say they have nowhere to go. There are some who claim that they lived in Kagaragara since the monarchical period. Provincial authorities state that these persons must free these lands near Rukoko reserve for protection reasons of the reserve and security.

These residents were suspected by the administrative officials to facilitate the infiltration of Major General Aloys Nzabampema's rebels who attack from this reserve.

The population of Kagaragara are asking the government to find other lands instead of leaving them alone. The decision was taken by the governor of Bubanza province one month after a meeting of administrative authorities and ministers in charge of environment, security and defense.

As of 18 December 2016, the same residents of Kagaragara village had been expelled by soldiers who had escorted them to the RN5, the Bujumbura-Rugombo road by order of the Provincial Governor. Women, men, children and the elderly were forced to sleep outdoors in front of Buringa zone office, Gihanga commune without assistance. The same source indicates that several decrees, the last one dating from 2011 amending some provisions of the decree of 2000 demarcating the national park and wildlife reserves had not however affected them.

Six days later, these families were allowed to return to their homes following the intervention of Ombudsman Edouard Nduwimana.

1.7. RIGHT TO HEALTH

More than 3700 cases of malaria deaths, according to WHO

In a report released on 27 January 2017 after a study in four provinces of the country including Muyinga, Ngozi, Kirundo and Gitega, WHO experts found that malaria is Burundi's first public health problem. More than 3700 cases of malaria deaths were recorded at the end of January 2017 in the northern provinces of the country.

According to them, malaria is a threat to the social and economic development of the country. These experts assert that the retrospective analysis of epidemiological data showed that the epidemiological thresholds were largely exceeded compared to the data of the five previous years. Malaria has become more acute in health districts in the north, center and west, according to the WHO report.

According to the WHO experts, in 2014 more than four million and seven hundreds of malaria cases have been recorded. Five million three hundred thousand cases in 2015 while in 2016, the number of people who suffered malaria have exceeded seven million eight hundred thousand cases. Among these, 3774 died from malaria.

The increase in the number of cases of malaria this year is due to climate change, a significant increase in the rate of severe malnutrition, a poor health information system and low coverage of malaria prevention activities, according to WHO experts.

They recommend the implementation of a national response plan and in each province. Dionise Nizigiyimana in charge of the fight against malaria to the Ministry of Public Health and fight against AIDS recognizes that these figures are alarming.

Malaria continues causing casualties due to the socio-economic situation of households.

This table illustrates cases of malaria in the first 5 weeks of the year 2017:

PROVINCES	MALARIA	
	CASES	DEATHS
Bubanza	39 449	21
Bujumbura-Mairie	14 299	14
Bujumbura rural	25 211	12
Bururi	7 128	0
Cankuzo	57 024	12
Cibitoke	53 929	32
Gitega	140 255	65
Karusi	108 516	21
Kayanza	97 598	55
Kirundo	119 712	30
Makamba	40 134	4
Muramvya	33 678	35
Muyinga	118 052	56
Mwaro	31 247	28
Ngozi	91 394	51
Rutana	41 988	8
Ruyigi	66 975	27
Rumonge	14 761	0
TOTAL	1 101 350	471

1.8. SECURITY AND THE RIGHT TO WORK

Suspension and imprisonment of Makamba prosecutor's office staff.

The Prosecutors' office staff in Makamba province protest against various measures taken by the General Prosecutor of the Republic in Makamba province, Fidele Nyabenda. Upon his arrival in duty in April 2016, the Prosecutor suspended his first Deputy Prosecutor, Leonard Niyukuri, for 3 months. Another Deputy Prosecutor, Célestin Ndiokubwayo, has been suspended since January 2017. Both Deputy Prosecutors are accused of releasing several detainees. Athanase Ciza, an employee of the prosecutor's office was suspended and imprisoned for one month in Rumonge central prison. He was accused of being involved in the theft of the hemp seized. He was released by the Bururi Court of Appeal which found that the imprisonment was unfounded.

1.9. GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

A girl raped in Rutana province

As of February 22, 2017, a 12-year-old girl named E.M was raped on Bayaga hill, zone and commune Giharo, Rutana province. The alleged rapist, J de Dieu Bimenyimana, aged 37 was arrested and detained in Giharo police station cell while the victim was taken to CDS for health care.

II. SECURITY FACTS

II.1. THE PHENOMENON OF CORPSES

A corpse found in commune and province Gitega

A dead body of a woman was discovered in the commune and province of Gitega on the morning of 22 February 2017. Information collected on the spot indicates that the body of Générose Ntabangana was found in Gasenyi valley and was wounded on the head. The same sources indicate that this 60-year-old woman was murdered when she went to Makebuko commune in the same Gitega province. Générose Ntabangana leaves behind her four children.

A dead body found on Butamuheba hill, commune and province Gitega

A corpse of Séverin Manyeri of the Batwa social component was found on the morning of 22 February 2017 on Butamuheba hill in the commune and Gitega province. According to the head of the zone Dushime Chrysostome, the reasons for the murder are not yet known. His body was found hanging on a rope inside his room. Manyeri, a farmer, was married and father of eight children.

II.2. OTHER FACTS REPORTED

Paramilitary training reported in Karusi province

Paramilitary training are reported recently in Karusi province where the Imbonerakure youth accompanied by local authorities do night training and parades of intimidation. The illustrative case is that of the communes Gihogazi, Bugenyuzi and Nyabikere.

According to sources on the spot, the weapons used in these activities in Bugenyuzi commune are stored by a soldier in duty named Leopold. The same sources indicate that many members of Agathon Rwaswa's FNL wing were intimidated and forced to join CNDD-FDD party or flee the country. Many of the FNL members have agreed to join CNDD-FDD for safety while others have already fled the country to Tanzania.

Worrying mass departures from Ruyigi province to Tanzania

Information received by the Iteka League on 25 February 2017 indicates that mass departures to Tanzania are recorded on Kibembwe sub-hill, Nyarunazi hill. The same information reveals that most of the houses on this hill are empty. The following names are examples of those who left but the list is long. These include the households of Ndere (8), Ntibarutaye Jérémie (2), Bugege (7), Nabiyumva (5), Raphael (4), Ntahonganyira (2), Budende (3), Anastasie, Kumana Hakiza (5), Gafunegeri (3), Ndayisaba (8) and Kazoya (5). Figures in parentheses specify the size of each family gone.

Robbery to a hairdressing salon in Ruyigi province

On the night of February 24, 2017 around 10 p.m., unidentified persons have robbed in a hairdressing salon after piercing the wall of this salon. According to sources on the spot, this salon belongs to Etienne Manirakiza and all equipment including sound equipment was stolen. The saloon is located in Sanzu II quarter in Ruyigi province city. The same sources

add that it is undoubtedly due to some prisoners recently released because there was a lull before their release.

Women demonstrations in Gitega province

At least 100 women, members of the ruling party gathered in the Permanent Forum for Women have demonstrated in Gitega on 25 February 2017 to protest against the participation of the alleged putschists to Arusha negotiations. A dozen of ex-PMPA policewomen in police uniforms, from CNDD-FDD party had joined the group of demonstrators. This so-called march for peace was transformed into a meeting of the ruling party. Insulting slogans were chanted against opponents to the regime. These ceremonies were enhanced by Evariste Ndayishimiye, general secretary of CNDD-FDD party nationwide.

Three persons injured in an armed attack in Rutana province

On 25 February 2017, around 11 p.m., Emmanuel Dushimwe, an employee at Gihofi Hospital in Rutana Province was shot and wounded by a group of unidentified armed men. The victim was from a pub called “chez Nindo” in Gihofi. The same night around 9 p.m., a family of Joseph living on Bareremba sub hill, Gihofi hill, was attacked by unidentified armed persons and his wife and child were injured. The victims are being treated in one of the hospitals close to the area.

According to sources on the spot, the day after the armed attack, on February 26, 2017, three persons including Eric and Japhet who had just been released from Rutana prison following the presidential pardon were beaten by the population before to be handed over in critical condition to the police. This population of the area accused them of having been among those who had attacked on 25 February 2017.

III. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Allegations and violations of human rights following the deterioration of political context since the beginning of President Pierre Nkurunziza's protested 3rd term continue to be recorded in various parts of the country.

The obsession of an imminent rebellion fighting President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime is the source of many cases of murder, torture, abduction, arbitrary arrest and imprisonment that are the daily lot of Burundians allegedly against President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime.

The Iteka League deplors the behavior of the Imbonerakure youth affiliated to CNDD-FDD party, which spread terror in the country but remain unpunished while alleged opponents to the ruling party are subjected to merciless punishments.

The Iteka League is also concerned about the context of repressive violence against citizens, FNL members of Agathon Rwasa's wing and ex-FAB soldiers alleged to be against CNDD-FDD regime.

It is concerned about the state of fundamental rights and freedoms and the security of Burundian citizens, which is constantly deteriorating in the country causing continuous movements of people fleeing abroad.

The Iteka League is also concerned about the increasing number of malaria cases.

The Iteka league finds anomalous the treatment of the population of Kagaragara in Gihanga commune chased unjustly out of the land without any other reintegration alternative.

Therefore, given the continuously serious situation of human rights situation in Burundi, Iteka League recommends:

A) To the Government of Burundi

- To put immediately an end to state violence and human rights violations by ensuring the security and protection of the population without discrimination;
- To dismantle and disarm the militia of the Imbonerakure youth league which spread terror in the country and which has replaced the administration and security corps instead of seeking to legalize it;
- To stop dividing the defense and security corps
- To ensure compliance with the CCP for cases of arrests currently being committed and/or dealt with by persons who are not competent to do so;
- To put an end to the injustice and politics of terror, the source of all the evils experienced by the Burundian people since its independence;
- To punish the perpetrators of human rights violations that have become almost daily in the country;
- To choose the way to peace and the search for a lasting peace at the risk of setting fire on the country, which endangers all the Burundian people including some members of the ruling party who believe they are safe from evil;
- To find lands for the residents of Kagaragara, unjustly chased out of their properties
- To find an urgent and adequate solution to drop-outs;
- Recognize the existence of malaria epidemic in Burundi and call on partners.

B) To the AU

- Implement its decision to send a military force to protect the Burundian population in distress.

C) To the United Nations Security Council

- Take all resolutions likely to restore peace in the country and guarantee the protection of human rights;
- Implement the decision to send a protection force for Burundians

D) To the mediation

- Not to neglect the damage caused by the violation of the Constitution and the Arusha Accords, including the thousands of people killed, exiled, arbitrarily imprisoned and hundreds of tortured and reported missing persons;
- Knowing that political conflict requires a political solution.

E) To the EAC

- Bring President Pierre Nkurunziza's regime to a negotiation table for an inclusive and sincere dialogue in order to find a lasting political solution to the crisis;
- Take sanctions if the Burundian government continues to decline the offer of the mediation.

E) To the population

- To stay united and not yield to the demands and divisive teachings or any demand to violence;
- To denounce any act likely to spread or maintain insecurity.

F) To the ICC

- To speed up the procedures for the analysis of the cases submitted and to carry out necessary indictments.