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Letter dated 8 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to forward herewith the joint communiqué of the Eighteenth Regional Summit on Burundi, which was held on 6 and 7 October at Dar es Salaam (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and the attached communiqué to be circulated to all members as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
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Annex to the letter dated 8 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Joint communiqué of the Eighteenth Regional Summit on Burundi

The Eighteenth Summit Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the Regional Peace Initiative on Burundi was held in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, on 6 and 7 October 2002 under the chairmanship of H. E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda.

The Summit reviewed the situation in Burundi in general and the status of the ceasefire negotiations in particular. Following a briefing by Deputy President Jacob Zuma, on behalf of the facilitation, and extensive discussion with President Pierre Buyoya of Burundi and Dr. Jean Minani, Speaker of the Transitional National Assembly of Burundi on the one hand and the leader of the delegation of CNDD-FDD (Nkurunziza), Mr. Rajabu Hussein, the Summit held an extensive exchange of views on the matter and made the following decisions:

- I. Welcomes the signing of the ceasefire agreements between the Transitional Government of Burundi and the CNDD-FDD (Jean Bosco Ndayikengurukiye) and the PALIPEHUTU-FNL (Allain Mugabarabona), respectively, as an encouraging step towards the restoration of peace, security and stability in Burundi and the full implementation of the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Burundi.
- II. Welcomes the commitment made by the leader of the delegation of CNDD-FDD (Nkurunziza) to resume substantive ceasefire negotiations without any conditions and on the basis of the Arusha Peace Agreement.
- III. Decides that the CNDD-FDD (Nkurunziza) and PALIPEHUTU-FNL (Agathon Rwasa) should enter immediately into direct ceasefire negotiations with the Transitional Government of Burundi with a view to concluding a ceasefire agreement within 30 days. The negotiations should be conducted at the highest level by all the parties.
- IV. Decides further to meet after 30 days to review the situation and, if no ceasefire agreement has been reached between the parties, to take appropriate measures against the recalcitrant party with a view to restoring peace and stability in Burundi and ensuring the full implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement.
- V. Directs that the CNDD-FDD (Jean Bosco) and PALIPEHUTU-FNL (Allain Mugabarabona) and other armed groups and movements that will sign a ceasefire agreement be integrated into the transitional institutions and other structures of the State including the army and other security forces.
- VI. Calls upon the armed groups and movements signatories of the Arusha Peace Agreement to take steps to facilitate the integration of their forces.
- VII. Directs the Implementation Monitoring Committee to monitor the process of integration of forces in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Arusha Peace Agreement.

- VIII. Commends the Transitional Government of Burundi for the efforts made towards the implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement.
- IX. Commends the Facilitator, President Nelson Mandela, Deputy President Jacob Zuma and President El Hadj Omar Bongo and their facilitation teams for the efforts they have deployed and encourages them to pursue their efforts with the continued support of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania.
- X. Commends further President Benjamin William Mkapa and his Government for their support to the facilitation and for their commitment to the restoration of peace and stability in Burundi and in the region of the Great Lakes.

Done at Dar es Salaam, 7 October 2002
