

REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI**PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC
Secretariat-General of the Republic****COMMUNIQUE N° 2 ISSUED BY THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI
FOLLOWING THE DECISION MADE BY THE UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY COUNCIL TO REMOVE BURUNDI FROM ITS
POLITICAL AGENDA**

1. The of Republic of Burundi welcomed with satisfaction the noble, dignified and salutary decision that the United Nations Security Council has just taken by removing Burundi from its political agenda, following the wishes expressed by the President of the Republic of Burundi, HE Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE, and which he reiterated in his address delivered at the 75th United Nations General Assembly. Through this historic decision, the United Nations have finally recognized that very significant progress in various fields have been made in Burundi.
2. The Republic of Burundi welcomes this decision of the United Nations Security Council, which constitutes an extremely strong and decisive signal of the renormalization of diplomatic relations between Burundi and the United Nations.
3. Burundi wishes to inform the international community, its interlocutors and partners that the improvement of the human rights situation and the stabilization of security throughout the country are a reality, and that the population goes about their daily routines, and in complete peace of mind, to development work. This is irrefutably evidenced by the massive return of Burundian refugees, as well as the organization, with Burundians' own funds, of peaceful, credible, transparent and democratic elections in 2020, which resulted in the establishment of responsible and laborious institutions that are currently ruling the country.

4. Burundi is delighted that everyone sees the same thing, including the United Nations, as witnessed by the common understanding between Burundi and the United Nations on the future of the United Nations Office in Burundi. Burundi is on the road to peace and development. It is the crowning of the combined efforts of the Burundian people, and of the significant support of the various countries and partners, which once again testify, the solidarity of the peoples through cooperation and collaboration under a win-win spirit.
5. The Republic of Burundi takes this opportunity to reiterate its commitment to continue the process of consolidating peace and a rule of law and everyone should be reassured because this is its responsibility. In addition, the Republic of Burundi undertakes to continue consolidating bilateral and multilateral cooperation in a dynamic of mutual respect between Burundi and partners and through mutually beneficial and advantageous partnerships.
6. As part of the strengthening of national sovereignty, the Republic of Burundi wishes cooperation relations to focus particularly on the implementation of the National Development Plan (PND 2018-2027) which is also inspired by the Objectives of Sustainable Development (SDGs) and the African Union's Agenda 2063.
7. In this momentum, and by mutual agreement with various development partners, practical modalities could be re-analyzed through, among other things, round tables to see how to achieve this partnership within the framework of economic development.
8. The Republic of Burundi reiterates its warm and sincere thanks to the United Nations in general, and to friendly countries in particular, for their unwavering support which has resulted in this measure.
9. Finally, the Republic of Burundi invites the Burundian population to welcome and support, too, with satisfaction and serenity this salutary decision and encourages them to remain calm and responsible as they have always been, especially during difficult times, whilst asking them to always go about their daily development activities.

Done at Gitega, December 7th, 2020

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Secretary-General and Spokesman.