



The Head of State calls on political Leaders to get involved in the fight against corruption



The President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE took advantage of his vacation to set up an innovation that will serve as a reference in the political history of Burundi namely the exchange of wishes with all the Leaders of the political parties involved in the burundian political game.

In a relaxed atmosphere, interacting in an azimuth with the Leaders of the political parties of the country, it was a pleasant afternoon on Wednesday January 6, 2021 that H.E President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE spent with the political elite of the Republic of Burundi.

And for good reason all the protagonists of the 2020 electoral process were present starting with Honorable Agathon Rwasa, main opponent of General Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE during the 2020 elections, Mr. Anicet NIYONKURU, one of the main communicators of the opposition in exile as well as all the Presidents of the political coalitions that were formed during the recent electoral process. In short, they were all present during this feast of the Republic.

In his word of welcome and best wishes, His Excellency the President of the Republic returned to what cha-

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racterized the success of the 2020 electoral process, namely responsible behavior in the post-electoral period, international recognition of the result which led to the peaceful climate on the political level that Burundi is currently experiencing.

He went on talking about his experience after six months at the head of the country. An accumulation of knowledge on the behavior and management of certain ambitions as well as advances in the area of international cooperation.

The President of the Republic has once again returned to the fight against corruption, seeking the help of political Leaders in denouncing cases of corruption. "You are a class that is part of the elite of the country, so you are aware of what is going on in the country", said H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE.

He reaffirmed the highlight of the needs and concerns of the citizen, at the center of the concerns of the Government. To the Leaders of the political parties, he stressed that their support is requested for the outcome of this highly civic act.

The President of the Republic ended his speech by reiterating his best wishes to the guests present at the Presidential Palace.

On behalf of the guests, Mr. Pierre Claver NAHIMANA, president of FRODEBU party, thanked H.E President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE for this laudable initiative, and returned to the Head of State's assessment, which he described as positive in view of the promises made and the action of the current Government.

He expressed the wish to see the heads of political parties consulted on the major issues of the Nation and expressed his satisfaction to see that this ceremony to which they are invited constitutes a good start. He also ended by wishing the best wishes to the President of the Republic and his family.

The party ended with a family photo in front of the portico of Ntare Rushatsi Palace.

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In his speech to the Nation, the Head of State presented the achievements already made through the six flagship projects of the Government



In his speech to the Nation on the occasion of the presentation of his best wishes for the year 2021; the Head of State, H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye, presented the achievements of 2020, through the 6 flagship projects that the Government has assigned to itself.

In the area of good governance, H.E President Evariste Ndayishimiye raised that the Government's objective is

to equitably share the national resources available between the various provinces of the country: through employment, the award of public contracts and construction of public infrastructure.

The President of the Republic noted that good governance presupposes the protection of all citizens, the behavior of leaders of the family. According to him the squandering of State assets and corruption must stop. He pointed out that concrete actions are there: with the aim of monitoring the payment of taxes, the State has initiated the fight against illicit trade.

The President of the Republic said he was satisfied that the population understood this objective where several fraudulent goods were seized and the fraudsters were apprehended and punished. He was also satisfied that most Administrators have made a commitment to the fight against corruption and corrupters, adding that good

governance supposes that the Government is interested in public finances and the way in which they are used. He called on all Burundians to unite for a common cause.

As for the organizations working in the country, the President of the Republic asked them to focus on achieving the goals they have set for themselves. According to him, they are not called only to criticize, but rather to help find solutions to the concerns of the population.

In the field of Health, H.E President Evariste Ndayishimiye said that the Government's commitment to the fight against Covid-19 has been very firm. Besides the screening operated for those who wanted it, drugs were administered to patients free of charge. The Covid-19 is currently being treated on the same premises where this pandemic is contracted, according to the President of the Republic. He noted that the prevention and treatment of other types of illnesses is also continuing.

In agriculture sector, the President Evariste Ndayishimiye expressed satisfaction that production is increasing satisfactorily as hunger is being eradicated. He said he was satisfied that in order to increase agricultural production, the Government had distributed necessary manure and lime to make the soil more fertile. Fields of excellence that extend over 2,273 hectares have been sown with short-season crops.

Regarding export crops, the President of the Republic informed that around 10,000 tons of tea were exported while around 700 tons were consumed inside the country, and that nearly 900 tons of coffee were exported.

He expressed the wish to increase the production of crops for export in order to have a lot of currencies that the country needs to obtain supplies in the foreign market.

Regarding breeding sector, the President of the Republic raised that the objective is to increase production for better health of the population through the consumption of meat and to have meat and milk

for export. H.E President Evariste Ndayishimiye said that during the year 2020, cattle were distributed through solidarity chains including 2,028 selected cows, 34,228 goats, 14,094 pigs.

Regarding the protection of the environment and the production of seeds, the President of the Republic informed that among the achievements already made; several sources of fresh water, rivers, lakes such as Lake Tanganyika and Cohoha have been protected.

In the area of encouraging young people to find jobs, the President of the Republic informed that a retreat for young leaders from universities was organized to encourage them to set up development projects. In this context, he announced that an envelope of 48 billion francs was made available to them to set up their projects. At the moment, the Government is training young Leaders whose vocational school is being set up in Karusi, he said. The President of the Republic said that the Government will always listen to young people, take their opinions into account and support them in setting up their own businesses.

In the field of support for the elderly, he said that in the immediate future, free health insurance has been initiated for them through the public service mutual fund for State officials while for the other categories, studies are being carried out.

Regarding the pension to them, he said that social protection companies are currently carrying out studies, in collaboration with the supervisory Ministry.

Finally, in the area of the return of refugees and support for internally displaced persons, H.E President Evariste Ndayishimiye said he was satisfied to see a massive return of refugees. He reiterated the Government's commitment to do everything to make all Burundians feel at home and at liberty in their country. He expressed the commitment to safeguard peace, create a climate of understanding between different political components so that every citizen feels at liberty and every refugee has hope and can return to his country, he concluded.

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Xth EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES (ECCAS)



At the invitation of **His Excellency Denis SASSOU-N'GUESSO**, President of the Republic of Congo, President in office of the Conference of Heads of States and Government of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), and at the request of **His Excellency Faustin Archange TOUADERA**, President of the Central African Republic, it was held on Saturday December 26, 2020, by videoconference, the Xth Extraordinary Session of the Conference of Heads of States and Government of ECCAS, devoted to the serious deterioration of the political and security situation in the Central African Republic.

These High Personalities took part to this session:

- **His Excellency Denis SASSOU N'GUESSO**, President of the Republic of Congo, Chairman in office of the Conference of Heads of States and Government of ECCAS;

- **His Excellency Mr. Teodoro OBIANG NGUEMA MBASOGO**, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea;

- **His Excellency Mr. Faustin Archange TOUADERA**, President of the Central African Republic;

- **His Excellency Mr. Félix Antoine TSHISEKEDI TSHILOMBO**, President of the Democratic Republic

of Congo;

- **His Excellency Mr. Évariste NDAYISHIMIYE**, President of the Republic of Burundi;

The Representatives of the Heads of States of the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Cameroon, the Gabonese Republic, the Republic of Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe, and of the Republic of

Chad.

Ambassador Gilberto Da Piedade VERISSIMO, President of the ECCAS Commission also took part in that work.

In his speech, the current President, His Excellency Denis SASSOU N'GUESSO, thanked his peers for having responded favorably to his invitation for the holding of the Xth Extraordinary Session of the Conference of Heads of States and Government devoted to the degradation and worsening of the political and security situation in Central African Republic. He then invited them to implement the principles of solidarity, mutual assistance, complementarity, subsidiarity, collective responsibility and non-indifference towards the Central African Republic, plunged into a new crisis that worsened in the approaching of the presidential and legislative elections of December 27, 2020. He also called on political leaders and the leaders of Central African armed groups to turn their backs on violence, to favor dialogue in all circumstances and to create the conditions for credible elections, transparent and peaceful. The incumbent President Denis SASSOU N'GUESSO expressed the need to find a lasting solution to the Central African crisis, with strong participation from the region whose fate is inseparable from that of this sister country.

After the presentation of the salient aspects of the cri-

sis in recent weeks by the President of the Central African Republic, **H.E Faustin Archange TOUADERA**, the Conference also followed the presentation of the Report on the political and security situation in the Central African Republic made by Ambassador Gilberto da Piedade VERISSIMO, President of the ECCAS Commission.

From this presentation, it emerged that the Central African Republic is once again experiencing a multifaceted crisis that has continued to worsen with the approach of the presidential and legislative elections scheduled for December 27, 2020.

This crisis is marked by deep dissensions between the political actors on the electoral process; as well



as by armed clashes in several localities of the country between a new coalition of rebels and the Central African armed forces, supported by MINUSCA.

The President of the ECCAS Commission ended his remarks by wishing that this crisis be dealt within its entirety, taking into account all dimensions.

After an in-depth analysis of the situation and fruitful exchanges between the participants, the Conference unequivocally condemned the use of violence as a method of resolving the crisis and any attempt to question the established constitutional order; the conference condemned in the strongest terms the violence that claimed the lives of three Burundian MINUSCA soldiers and offered its most saddened condolences to the Burundian people as

well as to the United Nations; the conference made it clear that such violence should be prosecuted; the conference called for the immediate cessation of hostilities throughout Central African territory and the withdrawal of rebels from all front lines; the Conference called for the continuation of the current electoral process and called on the Central African people to go to the polls in mass tomorrow, December 27, 2020; the conference called for the opening of an inclusive political dialogue after the elections and under the aegis of ECCAS; the Conference instructed the ECCAS Commission to continue contacts aimed at the designation of a Permanent Mediator of the Central African crisis, in accordance with the Libreville Declaration of November 27, 2020 and the operationalization of a permanent mediation framework for sustainable peace in CAR; the conference instructed the ECCAS Commission to work on the development and implementation of programs: disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, reform of the security sector, transitional justice "truth-justice and reconciliation", and securing and developing cross-border areas; the Conference requested the support of the Member States, which have the capacity to do so, to express their solidarity with the Central African Republic, including sending armed troops to help it recover the integrity of its territory ; the Conference once again urged the technical and financial partners, whose commitment and considerable efforts it

has already made, to continue their support by supporting the implementation of a robust reconstruction and post-conflict reconstruction program development with a view to finally creating the conditions for lasting peace in the CAR; The Conference once again called on the Security Council of Nations to end the arms embargo in CAR in order to allow the Central African Government to equip itself for the rise of the Central African Armed Forces.

The Conference addressed a motion of thanks to the President of the Republic of Congo and to the Congolese Government for the organization of this Xth Extraordinary Session of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of ECCAS.

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Gitega: The Head of State urges parishes to be the nucleus of community development



for others as well as a year of work to achieve development. The Head of State did not fail to express his joy for having participated in the 1st Mass of 2021 in the parish of Budatyora, a parish of only 3 years old.

The Head of State said he was grateful for the participation of Catholic parishes in the development of the country. He reiterated his commitment to support the Catholic Church in community development projects while welcoming the good collaboration that already exists. He also expressed his wish

The Presidential Couple in the company of the Governor of the province of Gitega M. Venant Manirambona joined the Christians of the Budatyora parish which is in Itaba commune to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany during a Sunday mass on January 3, 2021.

In his speech of welcome, the Parish Priest of Budatyora parish in the archdiocese of Gitega, Abbe Claver Ntirandekura thanked the President of the Republic and his wife who have chosen to join them. He said it is a blessing and a great honor for Burundi to have Authorities who believe in God.

In his greetings, the President of the Republic, H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye wished the Christians the best of wishes. He also wished 2021 to be a year of love

tion that already exists. He also expressed his wish



to see Catholic parishes being the nucleus of development by mentoring Christians.

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The Prime Minister's family joined the Emmanuel Church community of Burundi to celebrate the end of the year feast



The Prime Minister, CPC Alain Guillaume Bunyoni joined the community of Emmanuel churches in Burundi on Friday January 1, 2021 to celebrate the end of the year feast.

He went, accompanied by his spouse, to Emmanuel Church in Kizingwe Bihara where his spouse has grown up since her childhood.

The Prime Minister noted that God has always saved Burundi for the year 2020 even though unfortunate events did not miss.

"Burundi has always been the target of the international community which accused it without proof of constituting a threat but God has always decided in favor of the burundian people", he said.

He further underlined that it is thanks to God that Burundi overcame the difficulties and the traps set by the enemy.

CPC Alain Guillaume Bunyoni also pointed out that

2020 has been a blessing for his family as the year goes by while they are in good health. There were plenty of difficulties, but God intervened on time, he continued.

The Prime Minister is delighted that the community of Emmanuel churches in Burundi is currently characterized by a good climate and that the conflicts have ceased. This is how he wished things would turn out that way. He hopes 2021 will be a successful year for Burundi and its people because, he said, signs of a prosperous Burundi are visible.

(Source: www.abpinfos.com)

Towards the establishment of a management and regulatory authority for veterinary products in Burundi



The President of the National Assembly, Mr. Daniel Gélase Ndabirabe held on Wednesday January 6, 2021, a plenary session for the analysis of the bill on the management and regulation of veterinary products in Burundi.

In the explanatory memorandum, the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Dr. Déo Guide Rurema said that more than 90% of the burundian population live from agriculture and farming. He added that since the 2000s, the Government of Burundi has undertaken a vast program of restocking the cattle, goats, pigs, and genetic improvement of these species.

He also clarified that improved breed animals are very susceptible to disease and require extensive veterinary care.

To cope, the availability and accessibility of quality veterinary products across the country is essential.

He also pointed out that antimicrobial resistance remains a major animal health challenge around the world in general and in our country in particular.

According to Dr. Rurema, the bill under analysis is the result of a long process of consultation between different sectoral Ministries and other State structures in order to regulate and establish all links in the product chain veterinarians and thus prevent Burundi from becoming a market for counterfeit veterinary products.

This project also complements and reinforces the law of 4th October, 2018 on permanent housing and prohibition of straying domestic animals and poultry in Burundi.



Minister Dr. Déo Guide Rurema also pointed out that the bill constitutes one of the major regulatory measures for the intensive breeding system in permanent housing for domestic animals by making veterinary products available and more accessible to breeders through the creation of a regulatory authority.

The bill establishes a legal framework on the conditions of manufacture, preparation, possession, import, export, marketing and regulation of veterinary products. It also allows managers and distributors of these products to align with the registration system in force in the East African community.

The Deputies presented their concerns in particular the insufficient number of veterinarians registered on the list of doctors while they are the only ones authorized to prescribe veterinary products and that the latter are delivered on presentation of a veterinary prescription as provided for in the bill.

On this, the Minister responsible for breeding said that the country has only 76 veterinarians. However, veterinary para-professionals can prescribe a veterinary medical prescription if they have an authorization issued by the national or regional veterinary authority.

He added that an investigation is underway to find veterinarians who are currently working in the field of education, and that each year, the Ministry in charge of animal husbandry sends some technicians to the field for training.

Regarding the concerns in the marketing of veterinary products through the speculation of wholesalers who want to be both wholesalers and retail traders, he indicated that the regulatory authority for veterinary products that will be set up will monitor compliance with quality standards and register veterinary products approved and granted a marketing authorization.

This authority will also control and regulate veterinary pharmacies.

After analysis, the Deputies of the lower House of Parliament adopted the bill on the management and regulation of veterinary products in Burundi by 114 votes out of 116 votes expressed with 2 abstentions.

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Christians called to be supporters of peace



The President of the burundian Senate, the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera and his family, joined the faithful of the Catholic branch of Nyambuye in Isare commune in the province of Bujumbura, in the Sunday prayer of January 3, 2021, a branch that falls under the parish Guido Maria Conforti from Kamenge. The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera called on the Christians of the locality to

make a common front against poverty, a fight which, according to him, also requires courage and perseverance.

In his homily, the Parish Priest of Guido Maria Conforti of Kamenge, Abbot Mario Purcum who celebrated the mass at the Nyambuye branch referred to the Gospel of Saint Matthew 2: 1-12 to announce that the Lord Jesus Christ who was born to them, is the prince of peace and brings them light, before reminding them that God is love.

The Parish Priest of Guido Maria Conforti of Kamenge took this opportunity to recommend to the Christians of this branch to receive this light, to walk in this love of Christ and to be supporters of peace. He also reminded them that the Psalm 18 shows us that it is the holy scriptures that accurately reveal to

us the divine nature and asked them to walk in the light of the word of God. According to Father Mario Purcum, the word of God saves those who hear it and who put it into practice.

The parish priest of Guido Conforti of Kamenge asked the Christians of this locality to come out to announce the word of God in order to save souls, like the Magi from the East who went to worship Jesus after his birth and who subsequently went to announce this good news.

Taking the floor, the President of the Senate wished the best wishes to the Christians of the Nyambuye branch and to all Burundians.

Recalling the Head of State's credo in the fight against poverty which is worded as follows: "In the fight against poverty, let us unite against poverty, let us show courage and perseverance", the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera called on Christians in

the region to do more to work on development in order to make their hill and their province prosperous. Nevertheless, the President of the Upper House of Parliament insisted on making it clear that peace and love are two prerequisites for achieving harmonious and sustainable development.

The Senate Speaker also reminded the population that they can only achieve this development if they are in good health. And to ask everyone to keep in mind and respect the barrier measures against the spread of Covid-19. It was also an opportunity to also announce to the population of Isare commune that the Nyambuye health center will soon become a hospital.

The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera was accompanied at this prayer by the 2nd Vice-President of the burundian Senate and his wife, the Administrator of the Commune Isare as well as the Senators elected in the district of Bujumbura.

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Kayanza: the Burundian Ombudsman provides support to the education sector



The Burundian Ombudsman Honorable Edouard Nduwimana carried out on Wednesday January 6, 2021, a descent in Kayanza province, his native province to express the best wishes to the population of this province in general and in particular to the one he visited namely the population of Kinga hill in Kayanza commune and province as well as that of Gahombo commune in the same Kayanza province. The Honorable Edouard Nduwimana reminded the people of the two communes that it is now the phase

of the implementation of the programs of the ruling party.

In Kayanza commune, the Ombudsman of Burundi granted food and non-food assistance to the vulnerable population of Kinga hill where 40 households each received beans, rice, sugar and palm oil while 20 others each received a loincloth to wish them the best of wishes.

He also promised to grant, as of next February, goats to 30 "Twa" ethnic households who will have the duty to give them to their neighbors by chain of solidarity. "After two years, all 150 households will each have one or two goats", said the Ombudsman.

After Kinga Hill, the Honorable Edouard Nduwimana went to Gatwaro stadium in the capital of Kayanza commune to award sports shirts to the "Kayanza United FC" team.

The Honorable Edouard Nduwimana subsequently raided Gahombo commune to provide support in the education sector. To respond to the call of the Communal Administration of Gahombo, as a native of this commune, he granted 100 desks benches and 150 sheets that 3 schools will share, namely the ECOFO Businde-Kigarama, the ECOFO Butwe and ECOFO Nzewe.

In Kayanza Commune as in Gahombo Commune, the Burundian Ombudsman thanked the population for having voted massively and peacefully in favor of the programs of the ruling party during the elections of May 2020. The Honorable Edouard Nduwimana took the opportunity to announce to the population of Kayanza in general that it is now the phase of the implementation of the Government's programs, especial-

ly with regard to the consolidation of peace and security, the strengthening of good governance as well as the regrouping in cooperatives in Development work.

The Burundian Ombudsman insisted on the role of the population in safeguarding peace and security and asked the population of Kayanza to remain united and to work diligently so that the plan of "Reta Mvyeyi, Reta Nkozi" is implemented especially with regard to the motto "every mouth should have food and every pocket should have money".

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS invites the burundian population to always respect hygiene measures to curb Covid-19



The Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Dr Thaddée Ndikumana carried out on Wednesday January 6, 2021, a visit to certain places of the Bujumbura Town Hall to see the state of play of respect for hygiene measures.

The Minister Dr Thadée Ndikumana visited the city center, the former central market, the parking lot for buses in the North of the Capital and the COTEBU market, the parking lot for buses going inside the country and the transport agencies.

The observation was that there is a general relaxation in terms of compliance with hygiene measures. He

reported that people have abandoned the good practice of washing their hands with clean water, they greet each other by shaking their hands, there is a lack of hand washing devices in some places visited, the non-wearing of masks to those who must wear them.

The Minister took this opportunity to call on the Burundian population to redouble their vigilance, explaining that cases of internal infection were noted on January 3 to 4, 2021.

He clarified that to properly curb this pandemic, people must respect hygiene measures as requested by the President of the Republic of Burundi, H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye during his speech to the Nation on January 1, 2021, in order protect oneself and others from Covid-19.

(Source: [ABP-Infos N°12111](#))

New Year's Message from the Heads of Missions of the European Union in Burundi



At the beginning of the year, the Heads of the European Union and its Member States presented their sincere wishes for happiness and health to the President of the Republic, his family, the burundian authorities and all burundians.

According to the European Union and its member States, the year 2020 was intense, it saw the elections of new institutions in Burundi. On the world stage, it will have been marked by the pandemic, brought under control in Burundi, but that will however remain a great challenge in 2021.

They are delighted that financial cooperation with the International Organization of Francophonie has resumed, that Burundi is no longer considered a risk factor on the continent and has therefore been removed from the agenda of the Security Council of United Nations. The Heads of Mission are also delighted that the burundian authorities have seized the opportunities which presented themselves and taken initiatives with a view to warming their relations with the European Union.

Note that cooperation between Burundi and the European Union dates back a long time. On the priorities of the President of the Republic, H.E Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE and the gestures made in particular on the occasion of the end of the year celebrations, the Heads of Mission express the wish that the climate of confidence is found, and a wish of mutual respect, of dialogue policy and sharing of values is translated as quickly as possible, on the basis of reciprocal commitments, in a gradual and complete normalization of relations between Burundi and the European Union.

(Source: MFADC-Newsroom)

Burundi plans to welcome more than 140,000 refugees this year



The Government of Burundi in collaboration with the High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) proceeded on Wednesday January 6, 2021 to the inaugural launch of the year of repatriation 2021. This repatriation launch was opened by the reception of 723 returnees of 237 families from Mahama camp in

Rwanda at Gasenyi_Nemba in Kirundo Province, on the Rwando-Burundian border.

The inaugural repatriation ceremonies for the year 2021 began with the presentation of the national flag by the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security Mr Martin Niteretse after these returnees underwent a checking of the temperature by thermoflash.

The Permanent Secretary of this Ministry Mr Martin Niteretse said that according to the forecasts for the year 2021, 140 thousand returnees will be received this year, 41 thousand will come only from Rwanda.

After a warm welcome reserved for them, Mr Martin Niteretse also let it be known that after this welcome, these returnees will be taken to the Kinazi transit center in Muyinga province where they will spend 72

hours for registration and identification, screening for Covid_19 and granting the return package.

The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry in charge Home Affairs Mr Martin Niteretse reassured these returnees that peace and security reign throughout the territory and called on the host communities to respect and warmly welcome their compatriots.

He called on the host community to help these re-

turnees integrate into society in order to meet their needs as soon as possible.

Mr Martin Niteretse called on Burundians in exile to return to the fold, mentioning that despite repatriation forecasts for this year 2021, the Government of Burundi is ready to welcome all refugees who return voluntarily.

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The ASBL Ntabariza-SPF welcomes various measures taken by the President of the Republic



The legal Representative of the association " Ntabariza_SPF " Mr. Jean Marie Nshimirimana hosted a press conference on Monday January 4, 2021 where he thanked the Head of State H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye for various measures he has recently taken in favor of prisoners.

Mr Jean Marie Nshimirimana first welcomed the presidential pardon for the 4 journalists of Iwacu newspaper. He also welcomed the Head of State's promise to release by presidential pardon some detainees on the basis of the report of the standing committee responsible for analyzing the detainees' files.

The legal Representative of the ASBL Ntabariza_SPF also thanked the Ministry of Justice which, through the

permanent commission responsible for analyzing the files of detainees benefiting from the presidential pardon, spares no effort to ensure that these detainees are released in the most promptly period.

The Representative of the ASBL Ntabariza_SPF also thanked the Head of State H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye who, in his speech to the Nation on the occasion of the New Year 2021, recalled that in order to consolidate from the bottom to the top a fair justice for all, two bills are being initiated in order to remedy arbitrary judgments: bill revising organic law No 1/13 of 12th June, 2019 on the organization and functioning of the Superior Council of the Judiciary and the bill supplementing the provisions of the civil procedure code relating to the reinstatement of the notables of the hills.

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