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No to those who want to stop the ongoing inter-Burundian dialogue

Bujumbura capital city is currently facing terrorist killings of innocent people by people that have nothing to do with protesters. Three grenade explosions were done, killing eight (8) people and injuring more than 50 others near the former central market place on May 22nd, 2015. Another provocation assassination took place at 8:00 p.m. on May 23rd, 2015, killing the Chairperson of UPD-Zigamibanga, Mr. Zedi Feruzi and one of his security officers.

All this is happening while the international community is facilitating, via the Special Envoy of the UN General Secretary, H.E Said Djinnit, the inter-Burundian dialogue for peace consolidation, security and peaceful, transparent, free and inclusive elections of 2015.

For this reason, the **CNDD-FDD** party informs Burundians and international community the following:

1. The **CNDD-FDD** party strongly condemns those assassinations that can only be qualified as terrorism organized to sabotage the ongoing inter-Burundian dialogue under the facilitation of the United Nations, accompanied by the African Union, the East African Community, COMESA, and ICGLR. It's no longer a secret that the promoters of the killings do not want to see the dialogue success because they would no longer have what to say to their people taken to the street pretending to fight H.E Nkurunziza's forthcoming office term after the 2015 elections.

The **CNDD-FDD** party recalls that it has always provided constructive advices to those groups of hooligan children "amarigara" and "mayibobo", and to parents, showing them that they represent a danger for the country as they could be recuperated and used by wrong politicians. That is what is happening and their mentors seem no longer to be able to control them. As a proof, they declare that they do not support what their youth is doing.

The **CNDD-FDD** party joins all those who have lost theirs in this insurrection that has resulted into a failed coup d'Etat and requests politicians and some civil society organizations mentoring those groups transformed into terrible killers to reconsider and cease to violate the human rights.

The **CNDD-FDD** party requests with insistence that the Judiciary Investigation Commission quickly investigates all those cases of killings, destruction of people's and Bujumbura municipal public properties and infrastructures like destruction of roads and environment, everyone individually, in a bid to establish penal responsibilities. Victims are Burundians; the mentors of those actions are Burundians, which means that they have to be under Burundian jurisdictions. In case the Judiciary Investigation Commission would be in difficulties, it could then call for international support.

The **CNDD-FDD** party requests the facilitation team not to be discouraged and continue facilitating the ongoing dialogue in MENU because such forfeits were pre-established as they were announced several days before in the action plan of the insurgents. Trustful sources had said that in case of failure of the putsch, they would proceed with selective assassinations in order to prove that the 2015 elections cannot take place in an insecure situation.

The **CNDD-FDD** party uses this opportunity to recall the national and international community that despite

the insurrection observed in 4 quarters of Bujumbura and some selective killings, Burundi is not at war because 99.9 percent of the national territory is in peace and security and in campaign for the 2015 elections.

The **CNDD-FDD** party requests the international community and friends not to stop their facilitation task despite the sad events, because this is a fight for peace and democracy, and the running of the 2015 elections that must be transparent, free and inclusive. All Burundians in general and Bagumyabanga in particular should continue to work together, not to respond to provocation, and to avoid any kind of divisionism. Mutual tolerance, patience and the pardon must prevail during these difficult moments.

The **CNDD-FDD** party congratulates and encourages the Defense and Security forces to enthusiastically pursue their mission to protect the population and the country, and not to get involved in the current political consideration so that the national cohesion continue, and peace and security prevail throughout the country.

The **CNDD-FDD** party concludes by thanking the international community for its support to Burundi from the Arusha Accords, the Ceasefire Agreements and multiform support to the country; and reaffirms its commitment to support all ways to peace, security and the 2015 elections that must be peaceful, free, transparent and inclusive.

Done in Bujumbura, on May 24th, 2015

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