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CNDD

Office of the President
Nairobi, 1st August 1996

To His Excellency Alain Dejammet
Chairman of the UN Security Council

Your Excellency,

We have just learnt with concern that the UN Security Council does
not
intend to publish the report made by the UN Commission of Inquiries
on the
coup d'etat of October 21st 1993 in Burundi and the assassination of
H.E.
the late President Melchior Ndadaye.

We definitely believe that nothing can justify such a measure of
concealing such an important truth from broad public opinion. We
remember
however the rapidity with which the United Nations published reports
on
genocide and massacres in Rwanda and Bosnia and International
Tribunals set
up just to quote those two examples. Should we be forced to believe
that
the UN practice the recipe of different measures in similar cases.

We are earnestly convinced that the tragic events of 21st of October
1996
were mainly because of the fact that report on the selective genocide
of
hutu in 1972 was not published in time. And if the CNDD has decided
in
September 1994 to wage a struggle of resistance and liberation, one of
the

main reasons is exactly to put a full stop on impunity that prevails in Burundi since independence and especially since the army seized power on November 28th 1966. We do regret that such impunity does enjoy complicity in some international circles. It would be regrettable for the UN, while condemning in words the coup d'etat, to hide this important report which exposes those guilty and thus becoming an unwilling accomplice of the putschist criminals.

We request the UN Security Council to publish this report without delay and not to hide behind any excuse. Any pretext to delay the publication of the said report will be considered by the CNDD as a deliberate will to cover the plotters and other assassins. we also request that all those unpublished reports on the genocide of more than 300,000 Hutu in 1972 and other massacres in 1965 should be published at long last.

We take this opportunity to inform your Excellency that the CNDD is satisfied with the decisions taken at the Arusha Summit on July 31st by regional Heads of State to impose economic sanctions against the Bujumbura-Junta of major Pierre Buyoya which seized power by force of arms when it overthrew the "Convention Government".

We request the UN Security Council to support in concrete terms these measures taken by the Presidents of the Great Lakes so as to prevent the bloodthirsty putschist army to continue its massacres against innocent population. Nonetheless we have learnt that some countries may sabotage these salutary measures but we inform them that nothing can stop the long march of the Burundi people to the liberation from the militaro-fascist regimes who rule Burundi since November 28th 1966 to this day.

Yours Sincerely

(signed Leonard Nyangoma, President of the CNDD, Member of Parliament)

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His Excellency President Mobutu of Zaire
His Excellency President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya

His Excellency President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda
His Excellency President Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania
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His Excellency the President of the European Union
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