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OFFICE OF THE FACILITATOR OF THE BURUNDI DIALOGUE

PRESS RELEASE

RESUMPTION OF THE BURUNDI DIALOGUE ON SATURDAY, 21ST MAY, 2016

Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania H.E. Benjamin William Mkapa who was appointed on March 2, 2016 by the Summit of the East African Community in Arusha, Tanzania has confirmed that the Burundi Dialogue will take place from 21 – 24 May 2016 in Arusha at the Arusha International Conference Centre.

Preparations for the dialogue are all in their different advanced stages of their completion. Invitations to the Government of Burundi, Former Presidents of Burundi, Political Parties, Civil Society Organization, Religious Groups and some selected important political actors have all gone. So far the Office of the Facilitator has received confirmations for participations from over 63 entities.

Delegates are expected to start arriving by today, and the majority will arrive tomorrow ready for the opening ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 21st from 10am – 12 Noon. The opening ceremony will be attended by the Executive Secretary of the ICGLR, Special Envoys from the USA, Belgium, UK, EU, AU and the UN; and some Ambassadors and High Commissioners accredited to Tanzania. The Dialogue is expected to conclude on Wednesday, 25th May, 2016 with the decision being reached on the agenda, venue and participation to the next dialogue.

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