

JOINT PAPILPEHUTU-FNL AND GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI DECLARATION ON CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

We, the PAPILPEHUTU-FNL and the Government of the Republic of Burundi based in the Political Directorate, announce the immediate cessation of hostilities with effect from May 25, 2008.

The significance of this declaration by the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the PAPILPEHUTU-FNL is that the war shall finally end and all Burundians will benefit from stability and a durable peace.

The two parties request the assistance of the Political Directorate to assist in taking all necessary steps to ensure effective supplies for the PAPILPEHUTU-FNL as soon as possible. The Political Directorate will organise a meeting to this effect on May 26, 2008, at 11.00, with the participation of representatives of the Government of Burundi, the PAPILPEHUTU-FNL and the international community, to discuss how to organise these supplies and other logistical support for the PAPILPEHUTU-FNL combatants.

Following this declaration the Political Directorate requests that the MCVS immediately takes steps to expedite the disengagement of armed forces, together with all of the other provisions in the two Agreements: the Agreement in Principle of June 18, 2006 and the Global Ceasefire Agreement of September 2006.

In this respect, the two parties undertake to give immediate instructions to their troops on the ground to cease hostilities six hours after this declaration is signed.

Signatory Parties

- The Government of Burundi represented by: General Major Evariste Ndayishimiye

- The Papilpehutu-FNL represented by: Mr Pasteur Habimana

- The Guarantors: the Political Directorate, represented by: Ambassador Kingsley Mamabolo

Signed in Bujumbura, Monday May 26, 2008