

From the civil society representatives Kampala, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
to the launch ceremonies\_in inter Burundian talks

To His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni president of the  
Republic of Uganda, Mediator in the Burundian crisis,

KAMPALA - Uganda

Subject: Request to enlarge the group of civil society  
representatives to participate to inter Burundian talks

Excellency the Mediator,

The Burundi civil society representatives to the Launch  
ceremonies\_in inter Burundian talks , on behalf of the  
organizations committed at the respect of the Rule of Law, good  
governance, welfare of the population including youth  
organizations, Platforms of the organizations and Unions are  
pleased to express our thanks to the mediator for having invited us  
to the inter Burundian talks.

However, we take the opportunity to express our concern about  
the little civil society representation in number (2 representatives)

The aim of all the above organizations is to ensure the respect of  
the constitution and the Arusha Agreement for Peace and  
Reconciliation in Burundi, signed in 2000. In this respect, those  
organizations have initiated several advocacy activities for the  
respect of the Arusha Agreement and the Constitution. This is  
notably the development of several advocacy documents such as  
statements, press releases, memos etc. The activity that has  
mostly marked this advocacy has been a peacefully protest  
demonstration that started on April 26, 2015, in reaction to the  
announcement of the third term of President Pierre Nkurunziza.

While, in accordance with national and international laws, civil  
liberties, the freedom of expression and opinion is guaranteed to  
every citizen, these demonstrations were rudely and bloodily  
repressed by the Burundi security forces. The consequences have



