

From the civil society representatives Kampala, December 28th, 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



