



Inauguration of infrastructures of public interest by the Head of State at Mwaro province



The inauguration of the infrastructures of public interest by the Head of State H.E Pierre Nkurunziza began with the meeting room of Kayokwe commune in the province of Mwaro.

Subsequently, the Head of State H.E Pierre Nkurunziza inaugurated the pediatric ward of Kibumbu hospital still in Kayokwe commune. The pediatric ward has 60 beds. The Presidential Office gave them concrete reinforcing bars, cement and sheets to finalize the construction of this infrastructure of community interest.

In addition, in the center of the province of Mwaro, the President of the

Republic H.E Pierre Nkurunziza inaugurated the agency of the Bank of Management and Financing (BGF). The inaugural activities of the community infrastructure of interest ended in the Mwaro province, with the inauguration of the modern cattle market in the Mugongomanga commune.

It should be noted that in addition to these activities, the population of Mwaro province offered to the Head of State 6 cows and food baskets, and the Mugongomanga population offered a cow and food baskets as a thank-you.

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The First Lady returns from a mission to Ghana



The First Lady H.E Denise Nkurunziza returned on Friday 01st November 2019, from a mission to Ghana. Upon arrival at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport, H.E Denise Nkurunziza said she had attended the 6th conference that brought together African and Asian countries on issues related to cancer, diabetes and hepatitis.

She further stated that during her visit to Ghana, H.E Denise Nkurunziza had the opportunity to visit various places such as the 'light house' orphanage. She also met with Burundians living in Ghana and

spoke to them. According to the First Lady H.E Denise Nkurunziza, she encouraged them to love their native country and especially to invest in it.

During this visit to Ghana, H.E Denise Nkurunziza also received two Awards. In her interview with media professionals at Melchior Ndadaye international airport, she said that the first prize was awarded to all the first Ladies who took the initiative to encourage women who have not had children.

For the second prize, she announced that she received it individually. It was a sign of encouragement for her song in which she gives advice to people on how to take care of infertile couples.

H.E Denise Nkurunziza also indicated that during this conference, the participants are committed to the various activities that they will continue to carry out. The Spouse of the Head of State took advantage of this opportunity, to encourage infertile couples and especially by sensitizing them to consult the experts in the field of reproduction but also to confide in God, the Almighty.

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The National Assembly closes its parliamentary session of August 2019



The President of the National Assembly, the Very Honorable Pascal Nyabenda, proceeded on Thursday, October 31, 2020, at the close of the parliamentary session of August 2019. In his speech, he presented the results of the achievements of the Deputies during this three-month period, duration of that session.

On the legislative level, the National Assembly ana-

lyzed and adopted six draft laws namely:

- The Bill ratifying by the Republic of Burundi the Agreement Establishing the Tripartite Free Trade Area between the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Community and the Community for Development Southern Africa (SADC);
- The Draft law ratifying by the Republic of Burundi the amended art.24 (2) of the protocol establishing the customs union of the EAC;
- The Draft law ratifying by the Republic of Burundi the Protocol amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO), the draft law ratifying by the Republic of Burundi the protocol amending the agreement on trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights;
- The Bill to reorganize and promote physical and sports activities;
- The Draft law ratifying by the Republic of Burundi and the Import-Export Bank of India on the project of cons-

truction of the Parliament Building in Gitega and Ministerial Buildings in Burundi signed in New Delhi on 02nd July 2019 and the analysis and adoption of the Senate amendments on the bill reorganizing and promoting physical and sports activities in Burundi.

Since there have not been many bills to analyze in the National Assembly, the President of the National Assembly said that the National Assembly was then focused on the control of Government action. 11 Members of the Government answered the oral questions, Deputies also made field trips and participated in the inauguration of the new Ntare Rushatsi Cambarantama Presidential Palace and other activities of public interest.

At the level of parliamentary diplomacy, Members of Parliament participated in thirteen meetings or conferences outside the country.

The Very Honourable Pascal Nyabenda continued his speech by congratulating Burundi on the progress that is being made. He cited the construction of the organo-mineral fertilizer plant (FOMI), which will have a positive impact on socio-economic development from the country.

He welcomed the Burundian refugees from Tanzania and urged the local population and the administration to give them a warm welcome so that they feel at home among their own.

The Very Honorable Pascal Nyabenda appreciated the courage of the defense and security forces and the administration for quickly neutralizing the criminals in Bubanza and reminding them to remain vigilant in order to discourage any destabilizing attempts.

The President of the National Assembly congratulated the Independent National Electoral Commission (CENI) for having set up the Independent Provincial Electoral Commission (CEPI) and the Independent Communal Electoral Commission (CECI) in the agreement with all the components of the Burundian society.

He ended his speech by inviting the Deputies to get closer to the citizens in order to listen to their grievances and to sensitize them in the implementation of the National Development Plan, PND-Burundi 2018-2027.

Soon the bank for young people will be operational



The Minister of Youth, Posts and Information Technologies, Honorable Evelyne Butoyi was invited to the National Assembly on Monday, October 28, 2019 to answer the questions of the Deputies. These were issues related to young people traveling abroad looking for work while taking illegal routes.

The Deputies laid great stress on young people traveling illegally to foreign countries who are exploited and even tortured. The question of unemployment being at the origin of this situation.

In this regard, the Minister Evelyne Butoyi indicated that the State of Burundi has taken in hand this ques-

tion related to the movement of young people abroad to the search for jobs.

"To face all these challenges the Government of Burundi has already established a law nber 1/14 of 07th July 2018 which aims to help especially young people", said the Minister. And to clarify that the implementation of this law has led to the establishment of a bank for young people to be based in Gitega.

The Minister Evelyne Butoyi said that this bank will help young people who will be organized in associations and cooperatives.

The Deputies also wanted to know the policy that is envisaged by the Government of Burundi so that young people can visit other countries in search of employment.

The Minister indicated that it is appropriate for everyone to intervene in this sector and especially to raise awareness for youth to change their minds. She said that young people must follow a legal route and obtain all the necessary documents to travel.

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Kirundo: The Senate's President closes his journey in all the communes of the country



The President of the Burundian Senate, the Very Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo, closed on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in Bwambarangwe commune of Kirundo province, the second round of visits he has made to all the communes of the country. During his sessions, the Burundian Senate Speaker sensitized the population to the change of mentality for development.

The Senate President thanked the citizens for taking into account the advice on peacekeeping and security during his visits in 2016. He urged them to remain vigilant. The enemy of peace is always present, he said.

The Very Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo advised the population to have a vision and a development plan to improve the living conditions of families. He also asked the population to limit births because, he said, in Burundi, the arable land is reduced. The Senate President did not fail to urge parents to become more involved in the education of children by sending them to school.

The President of the Senate did not fail to talk about the protection of the environment. He asked Burundian citizens to draw the contour lines to protect the slopes and plant many trees to protect the water sources that are starting to dry up.

The Very Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo advised the population in general to change their behavior, to get involved in development work and to regroup in cooperatives to better fight poverty.

Before the Bwambarangwe commune, the President of the Senate, the Very Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo had held a meeting in Gitobe commune of the same province, where he also sensitized the population to the change of mentality in order to reach development.

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Gitega / Senate: Closing of the ordinary session of August 2019



The Burundian Senate proceeded on Thursday, October 31, 2019 in its hemicycle based in the province of Gitega, the political capital of the country, at the close of the ordinary session of August 2019.

The ceremonies included the participation of the Se-

nators, the Governor of Gitega province, the Representatives of Diplomatic and Consular Corps accredited in Burundi and other senior authorities of the country.

In his closing address, the Very Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo, President of the Senate, reported that they analyzed six bills out of 18 bills sent by the Government. Among these projects, the Burundian Senate has adopted the bill ratifying by the Republic of Burundi the loan agreement between the Republic of Burundi and the Bank of India on the project of construction of the Parliament Buildings in Gitega. The Senate also approved the names of the candidates sent by the President of the Republic for the functions of high responsibility in the judicial field etc.

During the parliamentary recess, Senators will be close to the population to gather their desiderata to better know their concerns in order to find solutions,

said the Senate President. The Very Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo has indicated that they will sensitize the population to safeguard security during this pre-election period. He asked the Government of Burundi to be always vigilant and use all its legal force to safeguard security.

The Senate President the Very Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo closed the ordinary session of August by announcing that the opening of the regular parliamentary session in December is scheduled for December 2, 2019 in accordance with Articles 179 and 190 of the Constitution.

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Makamba: the construction of the Peace Park Complex Stadium will be completed soon



The President of the Senate, the Very Honorable Révérien Ndikuriyo, took part in the afternoon of Friday, November 1, 2019, at the blessing ceremonies of the Peace Complex Stadium in Gisenyi, at Makamba Province belonging to the football team, "Aigle Noir". After the prayer, the

parish priest of Saint Pierre Claver Catholic Parish in Makamba sprinkled some holy water on the newly laid synthetic carpet on the Stadium grounds.

Abbé Pierre Niyonkuru who blessed this Stadium thanked the Senate's President and also the founding President of the Aigle Noir team for his wish to bless this field before he hosts national and international matches. The blessing of this stage is a good gesture to thank God for the step already taken in the construction of this stadium.

The Curé also prayed that this place should be a place of peaceful gathering of people in their diversity.

The ceremonies saw the participation of the Senators who came to support the President of the Senate, the administrative authorities of Makamba province as well as the surrounding population of the Gisenyi stadium.

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The new Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the European Union in Burundi presents the figured copies of his credentials



On Thursday, October 31, 2019, the new Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the European Union to the Republic of Burundi Mr. Claude Bochou presented to His Excellency Ambassador Ezéchiel NIBIGIRA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi, the figured copies of his

credentials.

Ambassador Claude BOCHU thanked the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the warm welcome he received in Burundi. He said that the European Union has been a partner of Burundi for more than 40 years, and that the Headquarters Agreement was signed in 1978.

The Foreign Minister, for his part, said that the new Ambassador arrives at a time when diplomatic relations between the European Union and Burundi are improving thanks to the commendable work done by his predecessor in collaboration with the Burundian side. And to add that, the Government of Burundi wishes to reinforce this work already started.

The number one in Burundian diplomacy took the opportunity to reveal to the new Ambassador that Burundi is not a country without peace and security as some ill-

intentioned media spread it. As the European Union delegate is on the ground, the Foreign Minister invited him to tour the whole country, in order to make his statement and to be an eyewitness to the peace and security that reign throughout the national territory.



The Ambassador of the European Union in Burundi appreciated the wish of the Government of Burundi to improve cooperation relations between the European Union and Burundi. He also reiterated his thanks to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burundi for his availability to resume the exchanges and ended on a positive note stating that, according to him, the obstacles are not insurmountable, because there is a framework for cooperation which is defined through the Cotonou Agreement.

Note that Ambassador Claude BOCHU has been appointed to replace Mr Wolfram VETTER, who has been recalled for other functions.

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Celebration of the 96th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Republic of Turkey



On Tuesday, October 29, 2019, the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Bernard Ntahiraja, represented the Government of Burundi during the celebration of the 96th anniversary of the Foundation of the Republic of Turkey, organized by the Embassy of Turkey in Burundi.

On behalf of the Government of Burundi, the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs warmly congratulated Her Excellency Madam Serap Ataay, Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Burundi and the Government of her country. For the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Burundian people shared the joy and enthusiasm of the Turkish people, on this memorable day of its history, when on October 29, 1923, the Turkish Parliament voted to change the system of Government in ending the war of independence and

officially marking the end of the Ottoman Empire. The Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs did not fail to express the appreciation of the Government of Burundi for His Excellency Recep TAYYIP ERDOGAN, President of the Republic of Turkey and his Government, for the commendable actions they take for the well-being and social cohesion of the many components of Turkish society. Burundi and Turkey have made a firm commitment to further consolidate their relations of friendship and cooperation, for the real interest of their respective peoples. Turkish-Burundian relations cover several key sectors of Burundian daily life. So many Agreements have been signed in various fields among others the field of agri-



business, education, economy, security, trade, tourism, etc. as well as the granting of university and postgraduate scholarships to Burundian students.

The Assistant Minister Ambassador Bernard Ntahiraja took the opportunity to recall that peace and security prevail throughout the national territory, and that the Burundian people are resolutely committed to economic development in order to significantly improve their well-being. He has thus notified the existence of a National Development Plan of Burundi (PND) 2018-2027 and expressed the wish of the Government of Burundi so that the partners can be inspired and support its implementation, within the framework technical and financial cooperation. The Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs concluded his remarks by reminding the international community that the Government of the Republic of Burundi is mobilizing for the holding of the free, transparent, peaceful general elections in 2020. There was no shortage of to express its encouragement to the Burundians who had fled the country and who are still in exile, so that they can return to the fold to join the other Burundians in the exercise of their political and civic right and duty, in order to con-

tribute to the building of their homeland.

For her part, the Turkish Ambassador to Burundi Her Excellency Mrs. Serap Ataay expressed her joy and satisfaction with the relations of friendship and cooperation that exist between Burundi and Turkey. She promised that, as long as a resident embassy has been opened in Bujumbura, she will spare no effort to ensure that bilateral relations between the two countries are strengthened.

It should be noted that these events were attended by Heads of Diplomatic and Consular Missions as well as Representatives of International Organizations accredited to Burundi. It was the first time in Bujumbura that the Government of Burundi was pleased with the celebration of the National Day of the Republic of Turkey, after the official opening of the resident Embassy of that country in Bujumbura, in February 2019.

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Education: 27 thousand candidates pass a competition to serve as teachers



A teachers' contest in Bujumbura province took place on October 26, 2019 at Buhonga Parish, where candidates from all the communes of Bujumbura Province gathered. The test focused on the ethics and deontology of the teacher. The activity was launched by Mr. Felix Mpozeriniga, Minister of Public Service and Employment and Dr. Janvière Ndirahisha, Minister of Education and Technical and Vocational Training.

According to the Minister in charge of Education, competitive recruitment will have a positive impact on the quality of the teacher. She said there is hope that the education system will change because the tea-

cher advocates competition.

She said that we have to cultivate the virtue of competition. Dr. Janvière Ndirahisha said she expects from those who will be selected a good example in punctuality first but also in the context of their professional ethics.

For the Minister in charge of Public Service, the competition is an innovation but also an application of a law governing the general status of civil servants in its articles 12 and 13 which stipulates that the recruitment is operated by a commission of recruitment by competition. He said that by applying this law they wanted to follow the guidelines of the Head of State who instructed them to do everything necessary for transparency and equity in the recruitment of officials. Before starting the exam, the candidates have been informed on the instructions to respect including how to fill the copies by putting the hill of origin, the secret code of each candidate.

Of the 27,000 candidates who have passed the competition throughout the country, the Government will retain only 2170 teachers who will be assigned to basic and post-basic schools, according to the Minister in charge of Education.

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The Ministry of Youth, Posts and Information Technologies presents the results of its achievements in the first quarter



The Minister of Youth, Posts and Information Technologies presented on Thursday, October 31, 2019, the report of its achievements in the first quarter of 2019-2020. The level of execution of the action plan is satisfactory according to the Minister Evelyne Butoyi.

During this presentation, the Minister of Youth, Posts and Information Technologies indicated that the implementation of the Government's Annual Action Plan has been characterized by the achievement of 17 main objectives that have materialized in 17 actions in all six departments or directorates-general of the Ministry.

For Honorable Evelyne Butoyi, two major achievements have particularly marked the first quarter and deserve special consideration. This is the establishment of the youth bank with a capital of 10 billion of burundian francs already available and the project "Bumenyi" with the aim of strengthening the capacity of 10 thousand administrative base and youth on the use of social networks in a responsible and informed way.

The Minister of Youth, Posts and Information and Communication Technologies also announced the prospect of setting up a peacebuilding platform based on the development of skills in everyday life by strengthening the groups of solidarity model VICOBA (Village community Banking) in savings and credit for 300 young people in 5 municipalities of the provinces of Ngozi and Gitega.

The Minister of Youth, Posts and Information Technologies seized this opportunity to mention the great achievements by department.

At the National Post Office, the Ministry has repaired the headquarters of the "Régie Nationale des Postes" (RNP) and Bubanza agency was rehabilitated, said the Minister. She noted that RNP has also contributed to the financial inclusion and promotion of new products by awarding more than 22,376 credits equivalent to 2,396,457,148 of Burundian francs. According to the Minister, all the Post Offices are interconnected and other measures have been taken to

improve the performance and performance of the RNP.

Regarding the Directorate General of Information Technologies, Honorable Evelyne Butoyi, Minister in charge of ICTs, announced that a multipurpose community telecentre will soon be operational in Makamba with the aim of bridging the digital divide and promoting rural connectivity.

At National Telecommunications' Office (ONATEL), the Minister Evelyne Butoyi said that 148 sites are operational out of 150 to install in order to extend and modernize the mobile network of this company. She specified that a site is under construction and the last one in acquisition negotiations.

The Minister said that the optimization of the network is currently 90% and hopes to increase to 100% by the end of January to move to maximum exploitation of the network OANMOB 4G.

Regarding the Executive Secretariat for Information and Communication Technologies (SETIC), the Minister indicated that SETIC has developed 4 projects, two of which have been submitted to the Ministry for approval and this with the aim of improving the communication network by the efficient operation of COM-GOV and the use of ICTs in different services.

At the level of the Burundian Agency for Youth Employment (ABEJ), the Minister hinted that the first quarter was characterized by the regularization of the payment of travel expenses of young people who had done the internship edition 2018/2019 as well as that the analysis and selection of the files of the young people who will benefit from the internship of first employment edition 2019/2020.

Regarding the Directorate General of Youth, Honorable Evelyne Butoyi, Minister in charge of youth, said that the training of young volunteers was carried out during this first quarter, an activity that focused on the training of young volunteer trainers in the province of Ngozi, on agribusiness and environmental protection. "60 young people benefited from this training", said the Minister.

Regarding the first quarter financial report on the Government's general budget, Mrs Evelyne Butoyi indicated that the budget allocated to her Ministry in the first quarter was 211,494,622 Burundian francs and that the execution rate was 86.9 %.

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OBR launches activities for its 10th anniversary



The Commissioner General of the Burundi Revenue Agency (OBR) Mr. Audace Niyonzima animated on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, a press conference to launch the activities of the double celebration: the OBR's 10th anniversary and the 2019 taxpayer's day.

He said that since 2016, each time in early December, the OBR celebrates the day dedicated to the taxpayer, an opportunity for the highest authorities of the country to congratulate and encourage more compliant taxpayers and raise awareness of those who still resist to comply with the texts and laws.

In terms of tax collection, Mr. Audace Niyonzima says that during the last 10 years, the OBR has continued to make progress by increasing the collection of revenue from year to year.

Thus, these revenues increased from 301.21 billion of Burundian francs in 2009 to 897 billion of Burundian francs for the fiscal year 2018, from January to September 2019 the collection is 728 billion of Burundian

francs, an average growth rate of 9.7% per year, has said Mr. Audace Niyonzima.

In order to combat tax, customs and smuggling fraud and to ensure a credible and effective deterrence, Mr. Audace Niyonzima says that the OBR conducts tax and customs investigations and the amounts evaded are recovered for the benefit of the public treasury and makes a tracking exempt goods if they are not diverted to the use for which they were used.

Mr. Audace Niyonzima stresses that despite the results recorded, the Agency has challenges related to the lack of infrastructure, the level of computerization still low, the persistence of fraud, corruption, the informal sector, which is an obstacle to recipe optimization.

Before the celebration of the day, Mr. Audace Niyonzima said that the OBR will inform, taxpayers who are of vital importance for tax compliance to ensure the transparency of its operations.

The celebration of the taxpayer's day is scheduled for December 05, 2019 in Gitega and will be preceded by an exhibition sale that will begin on November 30, 2019 in Gitega on booths built by the OBR, concluded Mr. Audace Niyonzima.

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Inter-religion Prayer: "Happy is the man who endures temptation because, after being tested, he will receive the crown"



The CNDD-FDD Party organized on Thursday, October 31, 2019 an inter-religion prayer at the party's national headquarters in Bujumbura Town Hall. The preaching of the day was centered on the word of God drawn in the epistle of James 1:12,

where the verse recalls that he is "happy the man who endures temptation because, after being tested, he will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

The prayer began with the thanksgiving and praise songs of the choirs present, followed by ecumenical prayer led by a Catholic Christian, a Protestant and a Muslim.

During this inter-religion prayer, the catechist Mr. Longin Ngendakumana, based on this word above quoted where he said that those who support the temptation will be happy as Ibrahim and Sara who have borne infertility until the age 90 to have a child. The other example cited is that of Job who endured various temptations and God blessed him after the various trials in which he passed.

The day's teaching was given by CNDD-FDD Party Secretary General Evariste Ndayishimiye, where he recalled that the CNDD-FDD party went through temptations and fighters to be what it is today. The Bagumyabanga have met several temptations but thanks to the divine will, they have overcome these difficulties said Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye.

He added that in 2015, the failed coup d'état was a temptation for the Bagumyabanga to see the hand of God on them, he said. Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye, indicated that the temptation can be positive or negative. He invited the members of the CNDD-FDD party to support it.

The Secretary General of the CNDD-FDD party also recalled that as the elections approach, temptations multiply. He invited the Bagumyabanga to work and

to be good leaders in their respective communities so that they are the first in front of the voters. According to him, refusing the competition during the elections is also a form of temptation because the CNDD-FDD party, since the maquis, advocated democracy that puts forward leaders elected by the people.

He ended his teachings by reassuring the Burundian population that the elections of 2020 will happen in peace and in total security because, the hand of God remains with the Burundians despite various temptations that Burundi has crossed, concluded the Secretary General of the party in power Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye.

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REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC
Secretariat General of the GovernmentPRESS RELEASE OF THE CABINET MEETING, OF WEDNESDAY 30th OCTOBER 2019

The Council of Ministers met on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 under the chairmanship of the President of the Republic, His Excellency Mr. Pierre NKURUNZIZA. The following points were analyzed:

1. Draft law amending Law No. 1/20 of 09 December 2004 on the status of the Head of State upon expiry of his functions, presented by the Minister of Justice, Civil Protection and Keeper of seals. The Head of State is an important personality for the country. During the performance of his duties and even at the expiry of his duties, he deserves to be treated with dignity. However, the legitimacy of a Head of State depends on how he came to power. A President who has come to power by a coup d'état or a simple consensus of a group of politicians does not have the same consideration as a democratically elected President. The law in force in relation to the Statute of the Head of State at the end of his term of office did not make any distinction as to the treatment of former Heads of State in relation to the manner in which they acceded to power. The present project comes to make this distinction. It also complies with the Constitution by providing benefits that replace the privilege of automatically integrating the Senate that is no longer in the Constitution. After exchange and debate, the project was adopted with some modifications.

2. Joint Ministerial Order Draft No. 550/540 granting a performance bonus to the Legal Advisers-State Lawyers, presented by the Minister of Justice, Civil Protection and Keeper of the Seals. Ministerial Order No. 550/540/381 of 29th March 2007 granting a performance bonus to the Legal Advisers-State Lawyers derives from Decree No. 100/365 of 28th December 2006 regulating the defense of the interests of the State and the Communes. However, the latter has been replaced by Decree No. 100/013 of 09th February 2018 currently in force. It is therefore imperative to adapt this order to this new decree. Moreover, since the new regulation of the defense of the interests of the State, the team of the Lawyers of the State is of mixed composition because it includes the category of magistrates on secondment with a statutory salary plus a premium Government-issued returns, as well as the category of Contractual Lawyers recruited by the Burundian Revenue Authority receiving salary and other benefits from the OBR and who are better treated. It is necessary to take steps to limit the observable wage disparity between these two categories of lawyers. In addition, this new regulation has extended the jurisdiction of State Lawyers to defend the interests of public institutions, custom administrations, and companies with public participation, municipalities or any other entity where the interests of the State are at stake. It is necessary to support them further by increasing the performance bonus given their ever-increasing workload. Finally, in fixing the amount of the monthly performance bonus in 2007, the concern of the ministerial order was to protect the State's lawyers from basic economic needs by taking into account the cost of living to ensure that they are available and focus on their work. A dozen years later, the realities of economic life have become different. It is necessary to adjust the yield premium upwards to prevent the current level of their performance from being started and to stabilize them in their profession. This is the motivation for revising the current ministerial order to revise the monthly performance bonus upwards. The

project also proposes that an annual emulation bonus is now granted to a State Lawyer who has achieved exceptional performance as defined in the draft order. At the end of the debate, the Council appreciated the work done by the State Lawyers but has set up a team that will deepen the project which will be brought back to the Cabinet meeting within two weeks.

3. Draft law establishing and organizing an administrative entity called District, presented by the Minister of Home Affairs, Patriotic Training and Local Development. This bill is part of the extension of the process of decentralization of the Communes initiated with the municipal law. It establishes a mechanism of the double decentralization with at the head of the urban communes a District directed by a Mayor, placed under the tutelage of the Governor of Province. The large urban centers are indeed located in the territorial constituencies of the Provinces, and as they grow, they can benefit from a special status by turning themselves into Districts. Currently, there is no legislation that governs the political capital of Gitega and the economic capital of Bujumbura even if the current municipal law provides for specific provisions applicable to the City of Bujumbura. This municipal law indicates in particular that the City of Bujumbura is a province as a deconcentrated entity, whereas it is impossible legally to consider a decentralization and deconcentration on the same person of the Mayor of the City of Bujumbura. The current concern is the organization of the economic capital of Bujumbura and the political capital of Gitega. These two large urban centers are to be erected into districts whose organization and operation are set out in this general bill. The creation of the district of Bujumbura or Gitega or other urban centers will take place after the implementation of this law of general scope. The creation of this new entity is in conformity with the Constitution which provides in its article 3 that "Burundi is subdivided into provinces, communes, zones and hills and all other subdivisions envisaged by the law. Their organization and operation are fixed by law. It can change the limits and the number. After having discussed this project for a long time, the Council noted the need for a much more in-depth analysis and set up a team that will work on it again, making sure that it complies with the Constitution that does not contradict the communal law and that it comes to provide concrete answers to questions related to decentralization. The team will also look at the draft law establishing and delimiting the District of Bujumbura. Both projects will be brought back to the Cabinet meeting within three weeks.

4. Note on the request for a special waiver to change the allocation of funds earmarked for communal projects 2019-2020 for certain municipalities to continue or make plans for electrification, presented by the Minister of the Interior, Patriotic Training and Local Development. The Law No. 1/14 of 30 June 2019 on the General Budget of the Republic of Burundi, Fiscal Year 2019/2020 provided for a subsidy of sixty seven billion eighty-three million Burundian Francs (67.083.000.000FrBu) for local government development projects. The ordinance n ° 540/530/1825 of September 18, 2019 for its part specifies the practical modalities of distribution, transfer, use and refund of the funds allocated to the projects of development of the hills. The budget is at the disposal of the municipalities, it remains for them to start the development projects expressed by the population in their jurisdiction taking into account the guidelines of the aforementioned ordinance and the National Development Plan. Some municipalities had opted in their vision to allocate part of this subsidy or all to the electrification. However, according to the aforementioned ordinance, such projects are not eligible, since the subsidy is intended for the payment of infrastructure that is being finalized in previous budget years and more particularly in the 2018/2019 financial year. The Communes are therefore facing a total impossibility of achieving this electrification while some of them had already started the project. The Note requests the decision of the Council of Ministers to authorize that the project of electrification of the communes be carried out during this exercise 2019/2020 so that the efforts made and the funds committed by certain municipalities are not put at risk. At the end of the analysis of the Note, the Council asked the Ministers directly involved in this file to come together to analyze the feasibility of the proposal of the Note and to take appropriate action.

5. Draft law ratifying the Kigali amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, submitted by the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock. The Protocol Montreal is an international agreement that followed the Vienna Convention on the Protection of the Ozone Layer

adopted in March 22, 1985, which aims to phase out substances that deplete the ozone layer. Burundi ratified the Montreal Protocol in 1997. This Protocol has had five amendments, the most recent of which is Kigali in 2016. Burundi has already ratified four in October 2001. The Kigali amendment, which is the subject of this draft, aims to eliminate hydrofluorocarbons, which are powerful greenhouse gases. With this ratification, Burundi will have signaled its support for global efforts to combat the deterioration of the ozone layer, without which no life on earth is possible. After discussions and debate, the project was adopted.

6. Draft decree establishing the creation, composition, missions and operation of a Single Window for the management of all relations between the Government of the Republic of Burundi and foreign non-governmental organizations: approval, registration, implementation protocol and implementation of a non-governmental organization on the ground, presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. This project aims to provide a solution to the different problems encountered by foreign NGOs in the follow-up of their files related to their establishment in Burundi. Indeed, several Ministries are involved in the management of approval, registration, execution protocol and implementation of a foreign NGO in the field, which is likely to complicate or slow procedures. The establishment of a single point of contact for the management of all relations between the Government and foreign NGOs wishing to set up in Burundi will facilitate collaboration between the services concerned and will contribute to the speed of case processing. It should be recalled that the Board had analyzed this project in one of its previous sessions and returned it to finalize certain aspects that had been identified. After analyzing the reworked project, the Cabinet meeting adopted it.

7. Other information

- The Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock spoke about the progress of development work on the banks of the NTAHANGWA River downstream from the bridge near Quartier Mutanga. He indicated that the last phase will concern the upstream part of the bridge.
- The Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs spoke about the results of the sectoral meeting on defense cooperation within the framework of the East African Community in which he participated.
- The Minister of Education and Technical and Vocational Training spoke about a student with epilepsy who died after being beaten by a teacher.
- The Minister of Communication and Media informed the Council that it is now possible to receive National Television on Canal Plus. He also spoke about the proliferation of online television, some of which only tarnish the institutions of the country. Action to be taken on these media is under study.
- The Minister in charge of East African Community Affairs lamented on the fact that people are destroying the graves at Mpanda cemetery in order to steal the sheets and tiles that cover them. Security Services have been tasked with doing everything to discourage these cases.
- Finally, the First Vice-President of the Republic urged the local administration to lend a hand to the Justice to support in the execution of the judgments rendered, especially in relation to the landed properties.

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