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The President of the Republic His Excellency Mr Évariste NDAYISHIMIYE accompanied by the First Lady Her Excellency Madam Angeline NDAYISHIMIYE took the plane on Monday November 2, 2020, to Malabo, Capital of Equatorial Guinea where, at the invitation of his Guinean counterpart, for a five-day state visit.

In an interview with journalists at Melchior NDADAYE International Airport, His Excellency Mr Évariste NDAYISHIMIYE said that with his counterpart they will review the situation of cooperation between the two countries at the economic, social and cultural level.

The President of the Republic of Burundi arrived in Malabo, capital of Equatorial Guinea, in the afternoon of the same Monday at 2:30 p.m., Malabo time. On his arrival at Malabo International Airport, he was greeted by H.E Teodore Nguema Obiang Mangué, Vice-

President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea in charge of Defense and State Security.

The first day of the State Visit was marked by bilateral meetings, first at the ministerial level at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, then at the Presidential level at the People's Palace for a one on one between the two Heads of State followed by a high-level meeting between the two Heads of State and their respective delegations, meeting concluded with the signing of 5 cooperation agreements. The day ended with a State Banquet given by H.E Obiang Nguema Mbasogo to his counterpart H.E Evariste Ndayishimiye, where speeches were pronounced.



Recall that the President of the Republic of Burundi were accompanied by 5 Burundian Ministers namely His Excellency Ambassador Albert Shin-

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Head of State Protocol and his deputy Colonel Jules Ndi-hokubwayo, Mr. Claude Karerwa Ndenzako Spokesperson of the President, and Ambassador Willy Nyamitwe Head of the Office in charge of Information and Communications at the Presidency of the Republic.

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Burundi President visits inspiring Equatorial Guinean places and companies



This Tuesday, November 3, Burundi Head of State and his delegation visited some places and inspiring companies. He started with the SIPOPO International Conference Room. During the guided tour, he learned that the building includes a large room with 1600 seats and two others for 350 and 150; VIP conference rooms with a capacity of 400 seats, a restaurant that can hold 500 guests, office areas, press area, simultaneous translation booths, etc.

Next, President Evariste Ndayishimiye visited La Paz Referral Hospital, a medical center with a reputation for treating the most complex cases with the possibility, if

necessary, of telemedicine. President Ndayisimye's visit then continued on the island of Bioko to discover the Punta Europa gas complex, the AMPCO methanol and the GNL factories in Equatorial Guinea then at the Malabo National Park before heading to Riaba district where the Presidential Couple and all the members of the delegation dined in the park, owned by Marcos Obiang Nguema Nsue.

For his part, HE Angeline Ndayishimiye, First Lady of the Republic of Burundi, visited, on the morning of November 3, the headquarters of the Constacia Mangué Nsue Okomo Foundation, the Foundation of her counterpart from Equatorial Guinea as well as some of her projects such as the CANIGE Multilingual School, the Malabo Psychiatric Hospital.

In the discussions between the two First Ladies, it was disclosed that the Constacia Mangué Nsue Okomo Foundation operates in the same field of assistance to the vulnerable as the Fondation Bonne Action – Umugiraneza of HE Angeline Ndayishimiye. The two organizations plan to have a close collaboration.

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President Evariste Ndayishimiye visits breeding projects and a college for young girls in Riaba District, Equatorial Guinea

This Wednesday, November 4, Burundi President, the First Lady and the five members of the Government who are part of the high level delegation in Equatorial Guinea for the State visit which is being carried out by HE Evariste Ndayishimiye, visited some areas to realize significant investments in the agro-food sector, a sector with high development potential, in the province of Bioko-Sur, District of Riaba.

In the industrial and tourist farm located in Riaba, the President visited the DOS CABRAS Industry, the breeding of dairy goats which are very beneficial because, as announced during the guided tour, these goats are breeds improved for production of milk and they reproduce very quickly. Their milk with its highly nutritious elements is used in the manufacture of other products such as cheese and yogurt, while its manure is collected

for use.

President Ndayishimiye then visited SENIOR CARDO Industry, a booming pork industry in Equatorial Guinea. The Burundian delegation was able to see the technical performance in this category of breeding and the specialization of farms, the modernization of the living conditions of animals. This experience, disclosed President Ndayishimiye, is an inspiring model because, in Burundi, he plans to considerably increase the pig production.

The Burundian delegation also went, still in the district of Riaba and in the property of Marcos Obiang Nguema Nsue better known as LA GRAJA, to the edges of fish ponds, one of the priorities of President Evariste Ndayishimiye. Indeed, this nourishing activity which produces animal proteins is developing in several provinces of Burundi which are far from the lakes. « Beyond the food supplement, fish farming is also a source of additional financial income, » explained President Ndayishimiye, who spares no effort to ensure that every mouth has food and every pocket has money.

The Presidential Couple's visit to Riaba ended with a visit to the College for Guinean Girls, a boarding school, a project that particularly caught the attention of Her Excellency First Lady Angéline Ndayishimiye, whose Bonne Action Foundation, Umugirane-



za, which deals with the education of the young girl to prepare her to be a worthy woman in her family and her community.

In the afternoon of November 4, the third day of his State Visit, the President of the Republic of Burundi flew from Malabo to the port city of Bata, the second city and economic capital of Equatorial Guinea.

As soon as he arrived, President Evariste Ndayishimiye and the First Lady went to the Monument erected in honor of the soldiers who killed on the battlefield on August 3, 1979, where he laid a wreath of flowers.



The Presidential procession then headed for the Deep Water Port of Bata, a large newly built port complex that allows Equatorial Guinea to export the products of its industrial transformation to countries in the CEMAC zone (Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa made up of Cameroon, Congo, Central Africa, Chad, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea) and elsewhere.

After the Port of Bata, it is the metallurgical factories belonging to the ABIYAK Group which had the honor of being visited by the President of the Republic of Burundi. One metal tube production line and another sheet metal production line.

Towards the end of the morning, the Burundian delegation led by President Evariste Ndayishimiye was led to the smartphone and computer factory, AFRIONE. This factory located in the city of Bata and which uses latest generation technology was inaugurated a month ago by the President of Equatorial Guinea, HE Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, the objective being to promote « Made in Equatorial Guinea » and to satisfy the local and regional market.

(Source: www.presidence.gov.bi)

President Ndayishimiye in Djibloho, the future Capital of Equatorial Guinea



The President of the Republic of Burundi HE Evariste Ndayishimiye on a State Visit to Equatorial Guinea spent his fourth day in Djibloho, a newly built town as it was erected in 2015 in the middle of the equatorial forest over an area of 30,000 hectares, with an estimated population of less than 100,000 inhabitants.

This city which attracts tourists and investors equally interested the President of the Republic of Burundi who was kind enough to explore, among others, the industrial and technological zone and the university campus of Djibloho which are already the pride of the whole Equatorial Guinea, a city which has also become the center for making important political decisions by the Government, which organizes meetings there very often.

While staying in Djibloho near the Wele River, the Head of State and the First Lady as well as all the members of the delegation, also learn that agriculture is very favorable there on fertile land and irrigation projects initiated by the Equatorial Guinea Government. A green city with a paradisiacal landscape, Djibloho therefor visited by the Burundian delegation guided by the desire to exchange experience and know-how.

Arrived by road from Bata, more than 200 km on a four-track motorway, the Head of State and all those accompanying him were received and installed, in the greatest expression of the legendary hospitality of the Equatorial-Guineans, at the prestigious Grand Hotel Djibloho, 5 stars.

Then, Burundi Head of State went to visit the Afro-

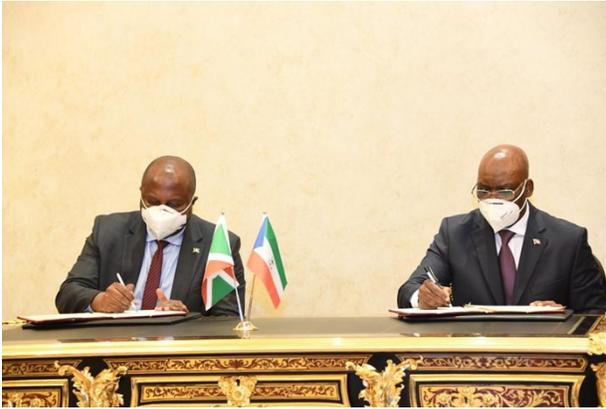
American University of Central Africa, an elite university complex located in Oyala, with a capacity of receiving 1,300 students from several countries and currently distributed in 9 faculties but with the ambition to go up to 10,000 and about fifteen faculties because the construction and extension work continues.

The Inter-State Customs School (EIED) was the second step of the Head of State Evariste Ndayishimiye, a school which aims to train customs officers of CE-MAC, the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa. Created in 1972 during the 8th session of the Council of Heads of State of the Customs and Economic Union of Central Africa (UDEAC, now CE-MAC), the headquarters of the EIED which was initially fixed in Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic was temporarily relocated to BATA in Equatorial Guinea precisely in the province of Djibloho by Decision taken on July 02, 2018. In the same sector of academic education, the Head of State of Burundi visited the Higher Technical Institute of Telecommunications and Information Technologies of Oyala where he visited the amphitheatres and other rooms equipped with equipment of high technology teaching materials to facilitate learning and simulation exercises, such as the energy rooms, the operations and maintenance center and the advanced computer hall.

The Head of State also visited other places and public infrastructure such as the Government Palace and a gigantic bridge of inspiring modernity. The evening was closed, at the Grand Hotel, with a dinner offered by the Mayor of the City of Djibloho in honor of the President of the Republic of Burundi visiting the city, an exchange of gifts and a cake sharing in the colors of the flags of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea and the Republic of Burundi.

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State visit of President Evariste Ndayishimiye to Equatorial Guinea, six cooperation agreements signed



On Friday, November 6, President Evariste Ndayishimiye is on the fifth day of his state visit to Equatorial Guinea, a visit covered by a diplomatic success between the two countries which concretize the bonds of friendship and fraternity through the signing of six agreements cooperation, some having been concluded and pending since 2007.

For the Delegation of the Republic of Burundi, the agreements were signed by H.E. Amb. Albert Shingiro, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation while for the Delegation of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea it is H.E. Mr. Siméon Oyono Esono Angué, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation who signed.

THE FIRST AGREEMENT signed is in the maritime and port transport sector, with the aim of promoting bilateral and multilateral cooperation between maritime administrations and their respective operational agencies in the maritime and by river transport sectors as well as in port activities. Burundi and Equatorial Guinea agree to promote the creation of national shipping companies, to develop and promote mutual assistance and to cooperate in the field of security, maritime protection and the protection of the marine environment, without forgetting the programs of maritime education and training at all levels.

THE SECOND AGREEMENT signed is the visa exemption for holders of valid diplomatic and service passports. The latter will be able to enter, leave and stay temporarily in the territory of the other Party for a stay that will not exceed 90 days, from the date of first registration.

THE THIRD AGREEMENT aims at the promotion and reciprocal protection of investments. This Agreement applies to investments of one Contracting Party made in the territory of the other, whether before or after the entry into force of the said Agreement, without, however, applying to claims or disputes arising from events which have occurred before its entry into force, neither in all matters relating to taxation nor to investments made with capital or assets of illegal origin.

THE FOURTH is a memorandum of understanding on diplomatic consultations between the two ministries having foreign affairs in their attributions. The two ministries agree to meet regularly at agreed locations, for political and diplomatic consultations to discuss and exchange views on bilateral relations and on matters of mutual concern. This will be the same for their respective Permanent Missions to the UN and other International Organizations.

THE FIFTH is a trade agreement which consists of trade between Equatorial Guinea and Burundi with regard to certain articles and goods, the indicative lists being attached to said agreement, while specifying that they are not restrictive.

THE SIXTH COOPERATION AGREEMENT signed is in the agriculture and livestock sector which covers, among other modalities, the exchange of information and technical documentation, the exchange of experts and trainee staff in order to facilitate technical assistance and the exchange of information and know-how, the development of joint projects, the exchange of experiences, the organization of exhibition fairs, training workshops, etc.

The Burundian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Amb. Albert Shingiro, said that the signing of these agreements « is a source of satisfaction for the Peoples of Burundi and Equatorial Guinea because these agreements consolidate the growth dynamic to continue the economic development of the two countries ».

(Source: www.presidence.gov.bi)

Head of State concluded his five day state visit in Equatorial Guinea



The President of the Republic of Burundi HE Evariste Ndayishimiye has just concluded his state visit, which began on November 2, 2020, to Equatorial Guinea, along with the First Lady.

The State visit was carried out at the invitation of HE Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Five Ministers were members of his delegation namely Amb. Albert Shingiro, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Ir Alain Tribert Mutabazi, Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs, Dr Thaddée Ndikumana, Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS, Ir Déo-Guide Rurema, Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Energy and Hon. Immaculate Ndabaneze, Minister of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism.

According to the joint press release concluding the state visit, the visit made by Burundi Head of State « is part of the excellent relations of friendship, fraternity and cooperation that exist between the two countries and strengthened every day by the will and commitment expressed by the two Heads of State » .

During his stay in Equatorial Guinea, the President of the Republic of Burundi met on several occasions with his counterpart of Equatorial Guinea in a climate of fraternity and mutual understanding, which made it possible to review the current state of cooperation between the two countries, as well as an in-depth examination of ways and means to diversify it into sectors of common interest for the benefit of the two respective Peoples.

Six cooperation agreements were thus signed between the two countries and the two parties agreed to strengthen cooperation in a spirit of commitment of the two countries to make the implementation of the agreements concluded more visible and more effective.

Finally, Burundi President thanked his Equatorial Guinean counterpart for the warm welcome and invited him to visit Burundi on a date to be agreed through diplomatic channels.

(Source: www.presidence.gov.bi)

The First Lady of the country comes to the aid of the orphanage of Karusi



The First Lady of the country Her Excellency Angeline Ndayishimiye visited on Saturday, October 31, 2020, an orphanage called Divine Mercy of the community of Bene Bernadette Sisters of Ka-

rusi.

As indicated by the First Lady of the country, her trip was intended to support and encourage those in charge of the Divine Mercy orphanage in their noble mission. She asked everyone to support these vulnerable children, because they are the Burundi of tomorrow.

The First Lady seized the opportunity to announce that she has launched a campaign called "zero malnutrition". In this regard, she asked all the Administrators at the base to identify all the children who display symptoms of malnutrition, in order to bring them to the Health Centers so that they can be assisted.

During this "zero malnutrition campaign" which will last

5 years, the First Lady of the country has indicated that she is determined to fight bad eating habits for good health of the population.

The head of the orphanage warmly thanked the First Lady for her charitable heart that she shows towards the needy people. She also thanked the provincial administration of Karusi because it does everything for the good functioning of the orphanage.

However, she deplored that the small size of the premises limit the number of orphan children that

the establishment accommodates.

The First Lady has promised to support this orphanage by granting 100 plastic chairs to equip a newly built meeting room.

To support the Divine Mercy orphanage of the Bene Bernadette community of Karusi, the country's first lady, H.E Angeline Ndayishimiye also offered them help consisting of sugar, clothes, porridge flour, milk, lemonades, etc.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The Government announces the reopening of Melchior Ndadaye International Airport



The Government of Burundi released on Tuesday November 03, 2020, a statement in which it announced the reopening of the Melchior Ndadaye International Airport on November 8, 2020.

The Secretary General of State Mr. Prosper Nta-

horwamiye indicated that the current state of play in the management of Covid-19 in Burundi, allows the Government of Burundi to reopen the Melchior Ndadaye International Airport from Sunday 08th November 2020.

However, accompanying measures for this reopening must be strictly observed, in particular the justification of a negative covid-19 test before 72 hours of boarding. All travelers will have to be screened and comply with a strict confinement measure of 72 hours in one of the hotel establishments provided for this purpose, the screening test and hotel costs are the responsibility of the traveler to name a few of these measures.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

The President of the Senate calls on the population of Bujumbura to change their mentality



The President of the Senate the Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera made a descent on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 in Mugongo Manga and Nyabiraba Communes where he met the Administrators, the local elected Officials, Heads of services, the Members of the Defense

and Security Corps as well as the population of these municipalities. The objective of these raids was to inquire about the security and socio-economic situation prevailing in these municipalities.

The Administrator of Mugongo-Manga commune indicated that the population of this commune is normally getting involved in development work. He nevertheless said that the Municipality of Mugongo-Manga and the center of Ijenda in particular, is facing a shortage of drinking water. He also stressed that the road infrastructure is threatened especially the Isale-Kanyosha road (Astrida), which hinders the free movement of goods and people. Addressing the President of the Senate, the Administrator of Mogongo-Manga requested material support to continue rebuilding the communal office.

As for the Governor of Bujumbura, he said that peace and security reign in this province despite the climatic

hazards that shook the Mutimbuzi area in particular, thus causing overflows of the waters of the Rusizi river and Lake Tanganyika which have subsequently caused flooding. And to add that the reintegration of displaced families is underway in collaboration with the competent services.

Speaking, the President of the Senate congratulated the population of Mugongo-Manga for their massive participation in the general elections of 2020. He said being delighted with the social cohesion and the tranquility which characterized the population of Mogongo-Manga and Nyabiraba despite their differences. .

The President of the Burundian Senate urged the local Administrators and the population of Mugongo-Manga to build on each census hill an office for the hill Chief and elected hill Officials, to facilitate the re-

ception of the grievances of the population.

The President of the Senate asks the population of Mugongo-Manga and Nyabiraba to combine efforts in the fight against Covid-19 at a time when there is an upsurge of this pandemic in certain foreign countries.

The Right Honorable Emmanuel Sinzohagera also invited the population of Mugongo-Manga to come together in cooperatives. This facilitates the supervision of the population to achieve the expected results, underlined the President of the Senate.

After Mugongo-Manga, the President of the Senate went to Nyabiraba where he brought together the administrative staff, natives, Members of the Defense and Security Corps as well as the population at the commune capital.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Policemen are called to be servants of the people



The Minister of the Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security, CPC Gervais Ndirakobuca organized a meeting with the Police officers from the central administration, on Wednesday November 4, 2020, at the circle of officers of Ngagara National Police in Bujumbura. The objective of this meeting was a kind of first contact, to explain the vision of the responsible and hard-working state as well as to review the achievements of the national police.

During this meeting, which took place behind closed doors, Minister Ndirakobuca called on the police to continue to supervise the joint security committees and to be servants of the people, announced the Deputy Spokesperson of the said Ministry, OPP2 Moses Nkurunziza.

The Minister explained to the executives present, the vision of responsible and hard-working Government where he called on all the police officers to contribute so that this vision is realized. He asked them to en-

sure the security and safeguard of public property and to remain vigilant, added OPP2 Moïse Nkurunziza.

They also discussed the achievements of the National Police in almost all areas. At this point, the Inspector General of Police, Mr Merchiade Ruceke presented the security situation that prevails throughout the national territory. Mr Ruceke pointed out that in general, security is good throughout the territory despite some cases of insecurity. He recalled that the Police in collaboration with the Members of the joint security committees were able to destroy some armed bands from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), underlined OPP2 Moïse Nkurunziza.



Minister Gervais NDIRAKOBUCA also spoke about the corona virus pandemic where it is noticeable that the population is released, which no longer respects the individual and collective protective barrier measures. He calls on the Police officers to support the administration or the authorized services including the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS for the implementation of all the measures taken to protect the population against this COVID-

19pandemic, hammered OPP2 Moise Nkurunziza. According to the Deputy Spokesperson of the Ministry of the Home Affairs, Community Development and Public Security, CPC Ndirakobuca Gervais has drawn up a series of recommendations while speaking of the priority actions that the Ministry intends to carry out in the field of safety especially to continue with the implementation of the "Model police" project. With this project, each hill has a Police Officer res-

possible for updating each situation that arises there and must give a report to his superiors in order to correct what is wrong and improve if necessary.

The Minister recommended to the Police to implement the "Ewe Burundi Urambaye" project especially by planting trees on the roads to contribute to the protection of the environment

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REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI**PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC
Secretariat-General of the State****COMMUNIQUE N ° 1 FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
BURUNDI IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIGHT AGAINST THE COVID-
19 PANDEMIC**

➤ The COVID-19 pandemic began in China in December 2019. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared it as a pandemic in March 2020. Regarding Burundi, the first cases were recorded on March 31, 2020.

As part of the prevention and fight against COVID-19, the Government of the Republic of Burundi has taken, like other countries in the world, measures to prevent and fight COVID-19. As a reminder, we would mention in particular:

- Individual and collective prevention measures announced by the Ministry of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS;
- Measures of decentralization of screening centers and free care throughout the country;
- Quarantine measures for people coming from outside the country;
- Measures to suspend the granting of visas;
- Measures to suspend official missions abroad;
- Measures to close certain land and sea borders;
- Measures to suspend commercial flights at the Melchior NDADAYE International Airport in Bujumbura.

- In addition to these measures already taken to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, His Excellency the President of the Republic, Major General Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE in Person, solemnly launched the “Ndakira, Sinandura kandi Sinandukiza Coronavirus” Campaign in his Message to the Nation, during the Commemoration of the 58th anniversary of Burundi's Independence, which consisted, among other things, in a mass screening of anyone presenting the symptoms of COVID-19.

The Campaign was warmly welcomed by the population who were able to have easy and close access to testing centers and to conduct voluntary tests, which made it possible to defy the fear of being stigmatized.

- As many know, in light of the results of the Three-Month Campaign, the COVID-19 pandemic has been brought under control internally. This success stems from the combination of political will, the spirit of sacrifice and the full commitment of all those who should take the lead in organizing the response plan against this pandemic. Therefore, we must not lower our guard: it is a battle won but the war continues. The pandemic can reappear at any time, if we do not stay watchful.

- When evaluating the results of the “Ndakira, Sinandura kandi Sinandukiza Coronavirus” Campaign, His Excellency the President of the Republic had promised to do everything to prevent the economic recession from taking hold in the country and to secure all development activities underway throughout the territory of Burundi.

In addition, there are Burundians stranded abroad who would like to return to their country and others who would like to leave the country for various reasons, on the one hand; and on the other hand, foreigners who would like to come and invest in Burundi or return to their countries. Both



are waiting for the suspension of commercial flights to be lifted so that they can travel.

- Responding to this call from the President of the Republic, the Government set to work to find a solution to all these cases, while ensuring the protection of Burundian citizens and foreigners residing and coming to Burundi, by putting in place the necessary sanitary measures to prevent COVID-19 or to care for those who are affected before they infect others.

Therefore, the establishment of these infrastructures to allow the free movement of goods and people is being done gradually. This is why the measures that the Government is taking towards the reopening of air, land or sea borders will be phased in.

6. From the above mentioned, the current state of affairs allows the Government of the Republic of Burundi to take the following measures:

- **For air borders:**

The Melchior NDADAYE International Airport in Bujumbura will be reopened from Sunday, November 8, 2020;

However, the following measures accompanying this reopening must be strictly observed:

- Travelers entering or leaving Burundian territory must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test carried out before 72 hours of boarding;
- Upon arrival at Melchior NDADAYE International Airport in Bujumbura, all travelers must be screened and comply with a strict 72-hour confinement measure in one of the hotel establishments provided for this purpose.
- The screening test and hotel costs are the responsibility of the traveler;

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- If a positive case for COVID-19 is detected in a vehicle or on an airplane, a second test will be required for all passengers. They will have to wait for the results. Those who test negative for COVID-19 will be allowed to leave;
- Cases declared positive will be immediately referred to an appropriate care center;
- For foreign travelers positive for COVID-19, they will pay for medical care themselves.
- Travelers will have to book hotels in advance online through the platform managed by Médiabox.

➤ **For certain land and sea borders,**

The installation of the health infrastructure necessary to deal with the pandemic is underway. The reopening of these borders will be gradual depending on the situation case by case and the operability of these infrastructures. The related measures taken will be communicated to the public whenever necessary.

7. The Government of the Republic of Burundi is closely monitoring the evolution of the Coronavirus in the country and in the world. It takes into account the best interests of the people and the country like a good father (Reta Mvyeyi, Reta Nkozi). This is why these measures taken or to be taken will be regularly evaluated and adapted according to the evolution of the situation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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8. The Government of the Republic of Burundi recalls that the fight against the Coronavirus continues, and urges all stakeholders to ensure multisectoral monitoring and finally to counter the slackening observed in recent days.
9. Finally, the Government of the Republic of Burundi asks the population to remain calm, to go about their daily routines while scrupulously respecting the individual and collective prevention measures already taken against COVID-19.

Done at Bujumbura, November 2nd, 2020

Prosper NTAHORWAMIYE

Secretary-General and Spokesman.-



REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
DEVELOPPEMENT COOPERATION****PRESS RELEASE**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation has the honor to bring to the attention of national and international opinion the following:

1. On Wednesday November 4, 2020, the Permanent Council of Francophonie (CPF) meeting in its 112th ordinary session decided to lift all restrictive measures taken unjustly against Burundi following the insurrectionary movement of 2015.

Indeed, the Council chaired by the Secretary General of Francophonie in person adopted a resolution abrogating the observation status of Burundi taken on July 3, 2015 and that of April 7, 2016 suspending multilateral cooperation with Burundi.

2. As a reminder, the insurrection movement having taken as a pretext the candidacy of His Excellency the late Pierre NKURUNZIZA, former President of the Republic of Burundi in 2015 and the coup attempt that followed had led Francophonie to take up the issue of Burundi and put it on the Council's agenda during all its sessions. Consequently, the Secretary General was to give a report on the situation in Burundi at each session.

In April 2016, the Permanent Council of Francophonie decided to suspend multilateral cooperation with Burundi arguing that no change had been recorded on the political, security and human rights plan, despite the denials of the Representation of Burundi in this organization.

This did not discourage the Representatives of Burundi who, session after session, demonstrated that all the actions taken by the Government during the crisis were aimed at restoring peace and security in the country, safeguarding the elected institutions, which has gave fruit since, little by little, the situation was back to normal.

This work bore fruit and the Parliamentary Assembly of Francophonie was first to be convinced by resuming institutional cooperation with the Burundian Parliament in 2018. The OIF (International Organisation of Francophonie) remained to be convinced.

The May 2020 elections gave an additional argument to the Representatives of Burundi; in fact, power had just experienced an alternation following a democratic and multiparty electoral process fully financed by the Burundian people.

3. The Delegation of Burundi sent a written request to the Secretary General of Francophonie and took the opportunity of the 110th session of the Permanent Council of Francophonie on July 7, 2020 to make a solemn declaration requesting the lifting of all restrictive measures taken unjustly against Burundi by Francophonie. During this session, all delegations that spoke welcomed the statement. To respect the procedures, the Permanent Council of Francophonie (CPF) instructed the Political Commission to prepare a draft resolution which would have to be submitted to the next ordinary session of the CPF.

It is this draft resolution that was solemnly adopted on November 4, 2020 by the 112th session of the CPF.

4. From that date therefore, Burundi once again becomes a full member of Francophonie and intends to participate actively in all the debates and decision-making that the Organization will initiate.

The Linguistic Pact signed by His Excellency late Pierre NKURUNZIZA, former President of the Republic of Burundi and HE Mr. Abdou DIOUF, Secretary General of Francophonie in 2014, on the sidelines of the Dakar Summit and whose implementation was limited to the sole implementation of a Steering Committee responsible for coordinating the implementation of the projects set out in this Pact through a pre-established action plan would have to be renewed. Indeed, the projects adopted by the Pact in the sectors of education, technical and vocational training, French on the international scene, the French-speaking environment, art and culture ... are of paramount importance as well for Burundi and Francophonie.

5. The lifting of the restrictive measures taken against Burundi by the International Organization of Francophonie constitutes an important diplomatic advance and a strong message sent to the entire international community which should therefore definitively turn the page on the 2015 crisis.

6. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation thanks the friendly countries and the other partners of Burundi for the support in its fight for the sovereignty of the country. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation further congratulates the Representation of Burundi in the French Republic and takes this opportunity to encourage the Diplomatic and Consular Missions of Burundi abroad in the noble work of representing the Government of Burundi and to defend the interests and sovereignty of Burundi.

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