



FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE FRAMEWORK BRINGING TOGETHER CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND RWANDAN OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES OPERATING AROUND THE WORLD, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2020.

The extraordinary meeting of the Consultation Framework bringing together civil society organizations and political opposition organizations based around the world was held on Sunday, September 6, 2020, with the following two items on the agenda:

- Consideration of the kidnaping of Mr. Paul Rusesabagina
- Examination of the negative effects of the "stay at home" policy and the round-ups of citizens in Kigali.

After examining in details these two items, the participants:

1. Unanimously condemned the kidnapping, as well as other acts of terrorism and assassination committed by the RPF Inkotanyi government that Rwandans continue to suffer on their territory or in countries where they have sought asylum or transit countries during their travels around the world. It calls on the international community to stop turning a blind eye and take the lead in condemning these despicable acts and to take strong measures to prevent and put a definitive end to them.
2. In particular, strongly condemned the recent kidnapping of Mr. Paul Rusesabagina, leader of the MRCD-affiliated PDR-Ihumure party during his visit to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates and his deportation to Rwanda. This in itself is an act of cross-border terrorism that comes on top of many other crimes committed by the RPF-Inkotanyi government around the world.
3. Commended the countries, organizations and individuals who quickly condemned the kidnapping of Paul Rusesabagina, and encouraged everyone to continue to pressure the Rwandan government to release him unhindered, instead of deluding themselves by asking for pseudo-justice for him. This would be done in the context of the fight against terrorism and cross-border kidnappings.
4. Noted that the incarceration of Paul Rusesabagina at the police station where people such as Dr. Gasakure have been killed, falsely alleging that they were fighting the security forces, while for Kizito Mihigo they claimed that he hanged himself with sheets, constitutes an act of torture and intimidation against him.
5. Recalled that Paul Rusesabagina is one of the Rwandans who showed great courage during the tragedy that struck Rwanda in 1994 when he hid Tutsis and Hutus who were being hunted, about 1268 people, at the Hotel des Mille Collines of which he was the manager. Paul



Rusesabagina's bravery was recognized worldwide by the film *Hotel Rwanda*, which earned him numerous awards, including the Medal of Freedom he received in 2005 from the hands of George W. Bush, President of the United States. After fleeing the country for security reasons, Paul Rusesabagina continued to denounce the murders, intimidation and injustices of all kinds committed against his fellow citizens that he left in the country.

6. Recalled many of the acts of terrorism that have taken place and which are at the root of the culture of impunity that has made the RPF-Inkotanyi government untouchable in the region and in the world. Among these acts, recalled the terrorist attack that brought down the plane carrying Rwandan President Habyarimana and his Burundian counterpart Cyprien Ntaryamira, act that triggered the 1994 genocide, several atrocities that prevent Rwandans from breathing, some are killed, kidnapped, imprisoned for nothing, see their houses demolished without any compensation, others see their crops destroyed and starve to death, killings and kidnappings of Rwandans in neighboring countries, horrible massacres that have been committed and continue to be perpetrated on the territory of the Democratic Republic of Congo and much more.

7. Condemned the bitter remarks made by the Rwandan authorities, starting with President Paul Kagame and his close collaborators, who are attacking all those whose opinions differ from those of the regime, who are threatened to be next on the list of victims of these acts of intimidation, who are even harassing citizens of neighboring countries such as Dr. Denis Mukwege of the Democratic Republic of Congo. This shows that the Rwandan government's plan of this terrorism will continue if nothing is done.

8. Noted that since the beginning of this year, our country, Rwanda, has been plunging into darkness, and as a result, Rwandans are persecuted and mistreated by various organs of the country, some are killed, others disappear or are imprisoned for free;

9. Strongly condemned the hasty decisions taken by the RPF-Inkotanyi government that hurt the Rwandan population by claiming that they are measures against the so-called Covid-19 epidemic aimed at helping the population. Noted that while governments around the world are taking measures to help the population cope with Covid-19, the RPF-Inkotanyi regime is increasing acts of intimidation and violence against Rwandans and foreigners, and has now implemented a curfew as if the country is at war; this is done ostensibly to prevent the COVID-19 epidemic, but in fact it is a means of entrenching the culture of violence against people, demoralizing them and depriving them of their basic rights. Among these measures there are: raids as in wartime, exaggerated fines, arrests and confinement at night in stadiums and so many others.

10. Further recalled that the measures taken by the Rwandan Government to address the outbreak of Covid-19 do not solve the serious problems of the population but rather support the interests of the RPF-Inkotanyi faction that continues to plunder the country's resources, including all foreign aid. The overwhelming evidence that aid is not getting through to those who need it is a 34,000 masks grant from the German embassy in Kigali to those most in need,



despite the fact that the Rwandan government has already amassed millions of dollars in aid to fight Covid-19.

11. Further called on the international community in general, and on Rwanda's donors and human rights organizations in particular, to further assist Rwandans in the process of their liberation from the RPF dictatorship that threatens regional and global security. For these reasons, called for the RPF to be listed as a terrorist organization and for strong measures to be applied to it to eradicate its degree of harm once and for all.

12. Urged Rwandans not to be discouraged by the acts of violence perpetrated against the population by the RPF government, which wastes resources by investing in hunting its citizens rather than investing in sustainable development projects such as education, agriculture and livestock, medicine, etc. Also urged Rwandans not to be discouraged by the violence perpetrated against the population by the RPF government. Acknowledged that rebellious actions that continue to characterize the RPF-led government show that it is at the end of its rope, and that it needs to be replaced by another one that would secure all Rwandans and promote true harmony among the Rwandan population. Stated that maintaining a certain degree of independence is important for Rwandans. Therefore, called on all Rwandans to join forces to be able to make the necessary changes as soon as possible.

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7. Convention Nationale Républicaine (CNR-Intwari),
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