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Dear President,

Further to the meeting held in Brussels with the Burundian Diaspora's delegations from many European countries, it was decided to write a letter to the Prime Ministers of the main European countries, which host the Burundians. This was decided following a frenzy campaign orchestrated by the Burundian Government in order to force the return of all Burundians asylum seekers back to Burundi. Please find attached a copy of this correspondence.

The European Commission has an important role to play in exerting pressure to the Government of Burundi in order to accept the implementation of the Special Tribunal, one of the conditions for the full settlement of the peace process. Your role in contributing for a better understanding of the situation in Burundi would ultimately set the framework in many European countries for a better understanding of the reasons behind the increased number of asylum seekers coming from Burundi, when officially the situation is held to be improving because there has been an agreement between the same Hutu political organizations; the CNDD-FDD and the PALIHUTU-FNL.

Finally, may I reiterate my deep conviction that no peaceful solution would be forthcoming when it involves those who are suspected to have played an active role in the genocide or any crime against humanity. I therefore do appreciate the agreement, which was made between the United Nations and the Government of Burundi to have the first vice president as the person who should have the overall control of the process.

Yours truly,

Pacelli Ndikumana

President.