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Ban Ki-Moon
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Dear Secretary General,

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 return all the Burundians back to Burundi. Please find attached a copy of this correspondence.

The meeting was also an opportunity to assess the work that has already been done by the UN in the implementation of the Arusha Agreement, particularly in connection with the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Special Tribunal in Burundi. Despite our critics, which we have expressed in the letter sent to the Head of Governments in Europe for the lack of real pressure exerted on the Burundian Government, I would want to take this opportunity to express our encouragement for maintaining the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission together with special tribunal on the agenda.

I would be grateful if you could keep up the pressure on the Burundian Government for a swift implementation of the Special Tribunal, which is one of the conditions for a peace process to settle.

Finally, may I reiterate my deep conviction that no 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 and welcome the agreement, which was made between your administration 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,

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President.

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