



Rwanda Bridge Builders

Breaking barriers and building bridges

**FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BRINGING TOGETHER RWANDAN POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS WITH THE AIM OF BUILDING AN ALL INCLUSIVE, FREE, RECONCILED, DEMOCRATIC AND PROSPEROUS RWANDAN NATION
23/24 May 2020**

From 23 to 24 May 2020, an international conference involving Rwandan political opposition and civil society organisations was held by videoconference to discuss the acute problems facing Rwanda and to reflect on the best solutions.

After reviewing the problems of Rwandan society, their causes and possible solutions, the participants:

1. Expressed their satisfaction that thirty-six Rwandan political opposition and civil society organizations were able to attend the conference.
2. Expressed their regret that Rwandans continue to undergo the suffering of the most repressive dictatorship, which bluntly flouts human rights, where the separation of powers remains a dream, and applies discriminatory practices at several levels, making national reconciliation impossible and has closed the political space which stifles any form of democracy.
3. Consider it imperative that the various Rwandan organizations and associations pool together their efforts to work for peaceful political change, in order to find lasting solutions to the serious problems facing Rwanda as a result of the absence of democracy and the lack of respect for human rights.
4. Find it essential to break down the barriers of divisions between those who hold views opposed to the Rwandan regime and to build bridges that unite them and avoid further dispersal of efforts.
5. Expressed their wish that the rest of the associations and organizations which were unable to attend the conference be invited to take part in subsequent activities and meetings.
6. Decided that a “consultation Framework” be set up with the aim of analysing the many rich ideas put forward at the conference. To this end, the participants asked the team that prepared this meeting, to continue to coordinate the work of this 'Consultation Framework'. The team agreed to play this role.

7. Expressed their satisfaction that the elections in Burundi were held peacefully. This is an important step in the culture of transfer of power through a democratic and peaceful process.

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