

Press release

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Declaration of the general assembly of representatives of overseas members of the FDU-INKINGI.

The extra-ordinary general assembly of representatives of overseas members of FDU-INKINGI convened in Brussels today.

- Considering the declaration issued in Brussels on 29th April 2006 by representatives of the then political organisations FRD, ADR, RDR cosigning with non politically affiliated members;
- Bearing in mind the Den Haag 19th August 2009 decisions of the FDU-INKINGI Political council that resolved to move all political activities of the party in Rwanda under the leadership of Ms. Victoire Ingabire Umuhuza, the Chairperson and the party flag bearer in the August 2010 presidential elections;
- Bearing in mind the accompanying measures of the aforementioned decisions to move the political struggle in the home country and that a relevant political programme and constitutional texts governing the FDU-INKINGI as a Rwandan based political organisation were clearly approved to pave the way to legal registration requirements; a Coordination committee was officially presented to the public and members on 09th January 2010 in Brussels;
- Considering the decisions of the Brussels 09th January 2010 last political council gathered to farewell the presidential candidate Ms. Victoire Ingabire Umuhuza and her delegation; the party maintained again its decision to transfer its operations to Rwanda and officially appointed Mr. Nkiko Nsengimana as the overall coordinator between the party FDU-INKINGI and the members still in exile until official registration in Rwanda; there is no other remaining party organs operating in exile;
- Taking into account the 08th April 2010 Communiqué of the Support Committee appointed to accommodate an active support of members who failed the avant-garde deployment in Rwanda for various reasons; this resolution praised in the strongest terms the leadership of the interim Executive Committee elected in Kigali on 12th March 2010;
- Expresses its most appreciation of the party achievements in Rwanda despite the sealing off the political space by the current regime. Commends the dedication of members, sympathisers, supporters and others who helped to reach that end. Reaffirms its total commitment to the struggle for democracy under the courageous leadership of Ms. Victoire Ingabire Umuhuza, FDU-INKINGI party Chair.
- Calls to mind the force of the party's resolution reached in Brussels on 09th January 2010 and reminds that nobody outside Rwanda has the right to oppose that. Those with ambitions to hold leadership positions should be courageous to join the party in Rwanda. The use of FDU-INKINGI logo and emails for other purposes is scandalous.

For all those reasons, the extra-ordinary assembly:

1. Confirm that the party is in Rwanda and cannot come back abroad.
2. Support the interim executive committee with regard to the ongoing struggle until the party is registered.
3. Support the ongoing consultations with other political organizations for a democratic change in Rwanda and promoting the inter-Rwandan highly inclusive dialogue between all Rwandans from all ethnic groups, all regions and all classes in order to install freedom and democracy for all Rwandans, reconciliation and equal opportunity and the right of memory for all victims.
4. Agree and fully support the FDU chair's decision to renew confidence in Nkiko Nsengimana to represent her with regard to those discussions.
5. Confirm that Nkiko Nsengimana will pursue his duty entrusted by the political council of January 9, 2010 as the coordinator between the FDU Interim Executive Committee and party members abroad until the party is registered in Rwanda.
6. Advise members in different countries to arrange local leaders' elections;
7. Advise consultations for the appointment of a wise council;
8. Advise the enlarged Coordinating Committee to channel all support activities and bridge the gap left by the paralysis of the Support Committee of FDU-INKINGI caused by defecting leading members;
9. Decide to enlarge the Coordinating Committee to accommodate fresh thinking.

Participants:

Members of Coordinating Committee and Support Committee:

- Nkiko Nsengimana
- Michel Niyibizi
- Emmanuel Mwiseneza
- Joseph Bukeye
- Sixbert Musangamfura
- Charles Ndereyehe

- Christophe Boneza (Support Committee)

Local Sections Representatives:

- Déogratias Misago (Ile de France)
- Jean Népo Manirarora (USA)
- Calixte Kanani (Switzerland)
- Robert Shyirambere (Namur & Luxembourg)
- Stanislas Niyibizi (The Netherlands)
- Eric Bahemba (Germany)
- Benoit Rugumaho (Sweden)- procuration
- Samuel Hakizimana (Sénégal)- procuration
- Paulin Serubuga (Charleroi)- procuration
- Thomas Bakundukize (Norway)- procuration

Other Representatives:

- Augustin Munyaneza (Fundraising, Belgium)

- Eric Migambi (Youth)
- Brigitte Tuyishime (Women) - procuration

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