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The transfer of warlord Bosco Ntaganda to the International Criminal Court and the deployment of the special intervention brigade in Eastern DRC are two most priorities.

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Press release.

The United Democratic Forces (FDU-Inkingi) and the Rwanda National Congress (RNC-Ihuriro) would like to thank all those who contributed to the rapid transfer of General Bosco Ntaganda to the International Criminal Court (ICC). This notorious suspect, rightly called the "terminator", is accused of various war crimes and crimes against humanity, including rape, murder, looting and recruitment of child soldiers.

On August 17, 2012, our political organizations filed a complaint with the ICC in The Hague, Netherlands, against President Paul Kagame and his accomplices. We hope that the transfer of Bosco Ntaganda to the ICC will finally accelerate extended and more detailed investigations on crimes and abuses that decimated millions of Rwandans and Congolese. These crimes are sufficiently documented in the Report of the High-Commissioner of the UN for the project Mapping Exercise documenting the most serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law committed between March 1993 and June 2003, in the territory of the Democratic Republic of Congo, published in October 2010. With a particular regard to the crimes committed by the rebel group M23, these crimes are well documented in the Final Report of the UN Group of Experts on M23 published in October, 2012 and in the reports of human rights organizations such as Human Rights Watch.

As a reminder, Bosco Ntaganda was born in 1973 in Kinigi, which is a small village located in the Virunga mountains in Rwanda. Shortly after, his family moved to Ngugu in Masisi in North Kivu. In 1990, at the age of 17, Bosco Ntaganda joined the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), a rebellion whose military wing was led by the current President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame. Bosco Ntaganda will then successively be used in the Rwandan army (1990-1995), AFDL (1996), RCD (1999), UPC (2003), CNDP (2003), the Congolese army (2004) and finally M23 (2012). He knows too much about Kagame's organized crimes in the African Great Lakes region. Peace and security in this sub-region require first an end to impunity.

We hope that the investigations will establish complicity and logistical support that Bosco Ntaganda received so that he can quit Kibumba in Congo, cross the Rwandan border, reach and safely penetrate into the hyper-secured US embassy compound without being identified or arrested by the omnipresent and omnipotent Kagame's army. It has been

established by several independent organizations that the Rwandan government has created, trained and armed the M23 and that Rwanda has always been the sponsor of this rebel leader of Rwandan origin, who has never applied for the Congolese citizenship.

The dilatory tactics of the government of Paul Kagame that aim at legitimizing the other faction of M23 in order to impede the deployment of the African Force of rapid intervention must be denounced and defeated. It is important to accelerate the deployment of such a force, which was decided in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, by the Heads of State and Government, to carry out the mission aimed at restoring peace in the region, ensuring the sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and stopping the ongoing crimes against humanity and war crimes in the Kivus. In this regard, we fully support the efforts of the countries members of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to secure the eastern DRC.

The political organizations of the Rwandan opposition, including the FDU-Inkingi and the RNC-Ihuriro, the members of Rwandan civil society in exile and the people who care for the victims of the martyred region, are available to provide their testimonies to facilitate the transfer to the ICC of all other criminals complicit of Bosco Ntaganda that are still at large.

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