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Her Excellency

Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma

Chairperson of the

African Union Commission

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Dear Chairperson,

**CALL FOR SWIFT AND GENUINE ACTION TO END THE CURRENT HUMAN AND SECURITY  
THREATS IN BURUNDI**

I convey to you the warm courtesies of the African Regional Organisation of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC-Africa). The ITUC-Africa represents over 17 million working men and women in 51 African countries including Burundi.

We are compelled once again to call on the African Union Commission to reinforce her interventions in Burundi to help contain the on-going disturbing crisis in that country and to avoid further disaster.

Reports reaching us indicate that over 230 persons have been killed and tens of thousands forced to flee into exile in neighbouring countries as a result of an ongoing political conflict arising out of disagreement over amendments to the national constitution that became public in April this year.

ITUC-Africa is seriously concerned that the situation is rapidly deteriorating and worsening human and security situation in Burundi. We cannot forget the recent history of Burundi and demand that African leaders work assiduously to prevent a recurrence.

We call on the African Union to prevail on the parties to the crisis to refrain from rhetoric and actions that incite and escalate violence. Efforts at rapprochement should be scaled up to get parties involved to agree to effective dialogue that will lead to the cessation of hostilities and the return to calm, law and order.

We also call on the African Union to complement the dialogue efforts with real and visible protection measures for the Burundian people, especially those in the capital city Bujumbura. In essence, we urge the African Union to deploy without further delay its Humanitarian and Peace Keeping Forces to Burundi.

Burundi MUST NOT be allowed to return to the path of civil war and genocide.



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