

Declaration of African Women on Peace and Security in Burundi

We, women from the civil society of different countries of the Great Lakes and the Great er Horn of Africa Region, **meeting** in Kampala, Uganda from 10th -11th May 2015, for the review of the Global Study on the implementation of the UN Security Council resolution 1325:

Noting the grave violation of the Arusha Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in Burundi,

Noting the deterioration of fundamental freedoms of expression and characterized by the closure of some private media, human rights violations in this case the closure of schools and the precariousness of human security and national stability

Noting the loss of human lives and in particular the women and the young,

Noting the mass displacement of the Burundian population towards neighboring countries with the burden of problems that this entails for the refugees in the host country,

Recalling that Burundi is signatory to the Arusha Agreements for Peace & Reconciliation under the facilitation of the member states of the EAC and the international community,

Recalling that Burundi is also signatory to the Peace, Security and Stability Pact of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region,

Call upon, the Heads of State and Governments of the member states of the East African Community, of the Commission of the African Union, the Regional and International Community,

- to strongly **condemn the non respect of the Agreements signed** by the Government of Burundi ;
- to **demand the restoration of public order and human security** including the ending of violence perpetrated against women and children ;
- to **encourage the organization of presidential elections** in conformity with the Burundian Constitution ;

Reaffirm our attachment to the provisions contained in the fundamental laws, the national, regional and international that guarantee human rights,

In the name of the solidarity with our sisters of Burundi, we call upon the Heads of State and Governments of the East African Community gathered at the Extraordinary Meeting of the East African community on Burundi held on 13th May 2015 at Dar-es Salaam in Tanzania, to undertake a quick action in order to reestablish peace in Burundi.

Signed at Kampala, 11 th May 2015.