

On the situation in Burundi

The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party convening in Budapest, Hungary on 19-21 November 2015 expresses deep concern regarding the escalating situation in Burundi.

Noting that:

- the death-toll in Burundi continues to rise due to severe violence in many parts of the country;
- according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, at least 240 people have been killed in Burundi since April, with bodies dumped on the streets on an almost nightly basis;
- the number of people fleeing the violence and becoming refugees is growing and already in the tens of thousands;
- the ultimatum issued by president Pierre Nkurunziza on 2 November for all citizens to disarm or face severe action as “enemies of the nation” caused great concern;
- the International Community has urged representatives of the government and the opposition to engage in dialogue to end the violence;
- the situation between Burundi and neighbouring Rwanda must be calmed down to prevent further escalation;

Calls on:

- the Government of Burundi and the opposition to end inflammatory rhetoric and actively work towards de-escalation;
- the European Union to actively work towards a coordinated global response, in close cooperation with the United Nations and the African Union, to the human rights crisis taking place in Burundi;
- the United Nations Human Rights Council to seriously consider suspending the membership of Burundi if the human rights situation does not significantly improve shortly.

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