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The Head of State receives the Gabonese Minister of Foreign Affairs in audience



The Burundian President His Excellency Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye received in audience, on Thursday November 12, 2020 at the presidential palace of Gitega the political capital, the Gabonese Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Mr. Pacôme Moubelet-Boubeya.

The latter was carrying a message from His Excellency Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the Republic of Gabon who invited his Burundian counterpart to come to Gabon to take part in the 18th summit of the Economic Community of Central African States, ECCAS in acronym.

The Burundian Head of State thanked the Gabonese Minister of Foreign Affairs for his trip to Burundi and welcomed the message from his Gabonese counterpart and accepted the invitation. "A community is a family, the more we are united the stronger we are", said President Ndayishimiye, citing the example that a single finger that suffers causes discom-

fort throughout the body.

The 18th ECCAS Summit to be held in Libreville on November 27, 2020, will analyze the issues of peace and security in the 11 member countries of the community. The free movement of people and goods, the management of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic will also be discussed.

In his interview at the end of the hearing, the Gabonese Minister appreciated the management of the Burundian Government in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The example of Burundi in the fight against Covid19 is eloquent" insisted the Head of Gabonese Diplomacy inviting 4 members of ECCAS to come to Burundi to learn the experience of the fight against this pandemic which is raging all over the world.

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The embezzlers of funds allocated to cooperatives obliged to reimburse them



The President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndiriraba, in the company of Parliamentarians elected in the constituency of Kayanza and on parliamentary vacancy, gathered on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, the Municipal Administrators and all the Representatives of the hill cooperatives named Sangwe. Representatives of the National Communal Investment Fund (FONIC) and the National Agency for the Promotion and Regulation of Cooperative Societies of Burundi (ANACOOB) were also present at this meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to assess Sangwe cooperative societies.

In his opening remarks, the Governor of Kayanza, Colonel Rémy Cishahayo said that the cooperative sector is doing well but it is facing a number of challenges. He cited, among other things, the embezzlement of funds allocated to Sangwe hill cooperatives, the mismanagement and ignorance of certain managers of these cooperatives, the cramped nature of arable land, and the members of these cooperatives who used the funds for other purposes, etc.

To overcome these challenges, the Governor of Kayanza asked ANACOOB to organize capacity building sessions for those in charge of the hill cooperatives. To the Government, he proposed to set up a legal framework to support cooperatives, above all by reducing taxes on imported products. He also asked the Government to set up a monitoring committee for all stakeholders in the cooperative sector.

Taking the floor, the President of the National Assembly, the Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndiriraba, recalled that the establishment of cooperative societies bet on the anarchy that characterized non-profit associations, which in particular assumed the right to trade when they did not have the prerogatives. According to him, despite

the galloping demography which is observed in Kayanza Province, the dedication of the population has resulted in a good organization of cooperative societies. Joint and complementary work is the goal of the creation of Sangwe hill cooperatives, he recalled.

The Right Honorable Daniel Gélase Ndiriraba also praised the pooling of fields to form blocks of crops, in order to cope with the scarcity of cultivable land and to allow close supervision from the agricultural monitors. The President of the National Assembly called on the people of Kayanza to register their land holdings with the Land Titles Service, with a view to obtaining property titles, which will subsequently enable them to contract bank loans.

Regarding the problems that haunt the cooperative sector, he urged the managers of the latter to do a good management of the assets and to realize that these cooperatives are under the regular supervision of several institutions. Therefore, he recommended that the embezzlers of the funds loaned to the cooperatives repay them as soon as possible and with interest. He suggested that FONIC and ANACOOB identify cooperative managers and organize capacity building training for them.

Associations, municipalities and investors have been invited to get involved in planting fodder grasses and to set up an agro-pastoral center of influence in each municipality.

In their interventions, the elected Representatives of the people who accompanied the President of the National Assembly, asked the members of the cooperatives to order fertilizers and seeds selected in common, to work in the facility. They recommended to the Director of the provincial office environment, agriculture and animal husbandry to ensure that the selected seeds distributed to the population are of good quality.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Gitega: parliamentarians organize descents in all municipalities



During their parliamentary vacancy this month of November, the elected Representatives of the people of the constituency of Gitega, began since Tuesday, November 10, 2020, the descents in all the Communes of the Province. During these descents, these Parliamentarians will meet elected hill and municipal officials, administrative officials, heads of services of these municipalities, to discuss

the life of the population they represent. These descents began in the Municipality of Mutaho.

In this Commune, parliamentarians urged local elected officials to perform their duties well, for the well-being of the people they represent.

Local elected officials were called upon to supervise the population to work together in cooperatives, in order to achieve sustainable development.

For Parliamentarians, these descents are part of their mission to be close to the population, an opportunity for them to submit their concerns to them, they added.

The parliamentarians invited the population to work in good collaboration with the Administrators at the base, to resolve certain disputes. The elected Representatives of the people have promised the population to submit to whomever it may concern, some of their concerns deemed more relevant.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Visit of a Gabonese delegation led by His Excellency Mr. Pacôme Moubelet-Boubeya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Gabonese Republic



On Wednesday, November 11, 2020, the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Isidore NTIRAMPEBA welcomed at Melchior NDADAYE International Airport, a delegation led by His Excellency Mr. Pacôme MOUBELET-BOUBEYA, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Gabon and Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Gabon.

In the morning of Thursday, November 12, 2020, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, Mi-

nister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, received in audience his counterpart from the Gabonese Republic, His Excellency Mr. Pacôme MOUBELET-BOUBEYA, carrying a message that His Excellency Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the Republic of Gabon sent to his counterpart, His Excellency Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye.

After the usual greetings, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation reminded the Gabonese delegation that Burundi and Gabon have good relations of friendship and cooperation.

For the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, His Excellency Ambassador Albert SHINGIRO, diplomatic relations between the two countries have been very dynamic since His Excellency Omar Bongo presidency, the father of the current Gabonese President.

For this reason, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation reassured his counterpart in Gabon that Burundi is a country faithful to friendship, very committed in all matters of common interest. The

Minister also expressed Burundi's desire for joint commissions and bilateral consultations between the



two countries. He said that despite the crisis caused by covid-19, cooperation will always be strengthened. The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation also indicated that the world is in a critical period in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, but this does not prevent from continuing the work. He pointed out that the situation of Covid-19 has been brought under control in Burundi.

Speaking, the Head of the Delegation first moved on to the presentation of the members of his delegation. He went on saying that the delegation carried a message from His Excellency the Gabonese President to his Burundian counterpart.

The Gabonese Minister of Foreign Affairs, in turn, has indicated that he welcomes the diplomatic relations that exist between these two countries.

The two sides also exchanged views on the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS). The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation thanked the Gabonese side for its visit to Burundi and assured this delegation that His Excellency Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, will welcome them on Thursday, November 12, 2020, in the afternoon at the Gitega Palace.

His Excellency Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, received in audience at the Palace of Gitega, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Gabon, His Excellency Mr. Pacôme Moubelet-Boubeya. He conveyed a message from His Excellency Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of the

Gabonese Republic. In this message, the President of Gabon sent an invitation to his Counterpart from Burundi to take part in the 18th Summit of the Economic Community of Central African States.

His Excellency Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi, thanked the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Gabon for his visit to Burundi and welcomed the message of his Gabonese counterpart.

After the audience, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Gabon said in his interview that after handing the message to the President of Burundi, they exchanged on the free movement of people and goods, the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. His Excellency Mr. Pacôme Moubelet-Boubeya also appreciated Burundi's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The delegation led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Gabonese Republic His Excellency Mr. Pacôme Moubelet-Boubeya returned to Gabon on Thursday evening. The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Mr. Isidore NTIRAMBEBA who accompanied them, seized this opportunity to give them the various gifts offered to them by the President of the Republic of Burundi His Excellency Mr. Evariste Ndayishimiye.

(Source: MFADC-Newsroom)

Prize giving to the winners of the Francophone Short Story competition



On Friday, November 13, 2020, the Director General in charge of Multilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Ambassador Remy BARAMPAMA, awarded prizes to the winners of the Francophone Short Story Competition, in the name of the Ministry which rewards the best texts young Burundian writers.

In his speech for the occasion, Ambassador Remy BARAMPAMA said that this competition of the Short Story is part of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Francophonie 2020. He indicated that it is in order to encourage young people French-speaking writers to have confidence in their own creativity, so that French continues to shine in our country through local works. This competition raises awareness among these young people at the same time to improving the quality of their work and to the culture of excellence.

Ambassador Remy BARAMPAMA said that by honoring these young people, it was in order to



foster a real motivation for all talented youth who

are still hesitant to get into writing.

As he announced, this competition was aimed at young people between the ages of 15 and 35. 123 young people registered for the competition, 84 were selected to participate, while 67 young people were able to submit their texts on time. A preselection within the Ministry of



Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation selected 42 which were submitted to the jury, made up of writers who are members of the Association of Writers of Burundi to select the ten best short stories.

The ceremonies ended with the presentation of prizes to the winners of the competition of francophone Short Story. The first prize went to the Short Story "Erwan Mon bien Aimé" by GIRANEZA Beraldin and the second prize went to the Short Story "L'étrange crime de Julia K" by BAHIMPUNDU Cédric, the third prize went to the Short Story "Au-delà d'un rêve" by NAHIMANA Gentille Fanny, finally a special prize for the youngest author is granted to the short story "Accident érotique" by Keina Ciella ISHIMWE, a 13-year-old girl.

In closing, Ambassador Remy BARAMPAMA thanked the participants and the members of the Jury. He expressed the wish to organize this competition every year if the financial means allow it.

(Source: MFADC-Newsroom)

Burundi Ambassador to Ankara visits the Turkish Society for International Health Services

On November 10, 2020, the Ambassador of Burundi in Ankara H.E Amb. Gérard NTA-HORWAROYE



BIKEBAKO, accompanied by Mrs. Espérance UWIMANA, Second Counselor, visited the Turkish Society for International Health Services (USHAŞ) where he met the General Manager of this company, Mr. Mehmet Ali KILIÇKAYA.

The two authorities exchanged views on several subjects but focused their attention on the possible areas of cooperation, in particular:

Health tourism;
Purchase of drugs, medical devices and materials;
Construction of hospitals with the expertise of USHAŞ;
Export of health information systems;
The model of public-private sector cooperation and financing in the health sector;
Vocational training in health including in-service training.



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(Source: Embassy of Burundi in Ankara)

UNICEF donates equipment to SEP / PMSAN



The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) proceeded on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in Bujumbura, to the official delivery of a donation consisting of a vehicle and computer equipment to the Permanent Secretariat of the Multisectoral Platform for Food Security and Nutrition (SEP / PMSAN). This structure was put in place by the Council of Ministers on May 27, 2020, to better coordinate multi-actor actions in the implementation of the Multisectoral Strategic Plan for Food Security and Nutrition.

The delegate of the Honorable Prime Minister Isabelle Ndahayo thanked UNICEF for this support to this government structure so that it becomes much more efficient. She stressed that this is an important support to the Government in its multiple efforts to reverse the trend in the field of malnutrition in Burundi.

This support granted by UNICEF will undoubtedly make it possible to boost the activities of the SEP / PMSAN to improve multisectoral coordination and the monitoring and evaluation of joint multisectoral projects, which are in line with the implementation of this multisectoral plan which is also an operationalization document of the National Development Plan (PND), continued Honorable Isabelle Ndahayo.

She also asked the SEP / PMSAN to use its technical skills to make the most of these achievements, in order to better channel actions to strengthen food security and multisectoral. She hoped that the SEP / PMSAN could integrate nutrition in the associated sectors, in particular agriculture, social protection, health, sanitation and hygiene, taking into account the main

cross-cutting issues such as gender and governance. .

As for the Permanent Secretary of the Multisectoral Food Security and Nutrition Platform, Mr. Célestin Sibomana, he indicated that this equipment is timely because this structure is currently in the process of setting up a Multisectoral Monitoring System. Evaluation of the Multisectoral Strategic Plan for Food Security and Nutrition. He also specified that this support will strengthen coordination to reach wherever they need to go, to support, set up and supervise the platforms at the provincial level. The goal is to strengthen local governance of nutrition so that everyone can know their task and hope to have an appropriate response to nutrition in Burundi, he explained.

Mr. Célestin Sibomana also took this opportunity to ask other partners to support this structure, so that the Government's concern to develop this holistic vision of providing an adequate response to nutrition can be accomplished.

The Resident Representative of UNICEF in Burundi Mr. John Agbor praised the efforts of the Government of Burundi, which has shown its political commitment in favor of nutrition and the positioning of nutrition among the priorities of the country.

The value of this donation is estimated at more than 180 million BIF and is composed of a vehicle, desktops, laptops, printers, inverters, professional cameras, an overhead projector and its accessories, specified Mr. John Agbor.

(Source: www.rtnb.bi)

Reopening of Melchior Ndadaye International Airport



After 7 months of suspension of flights in Burundi following the Coronavirus pandemic, a Kenya Airways plane landed at Melchior Ndadaye International Airport in Bujumbura on Monday, November 10, 2020, at exactly 8 a.m.

Fifty (50) passengers were on board of this Kenya airways aircraft. On their arrival, a medical team directly took the temperatures. Passengers had to respect the physical distance of 1 m to go through the formalities. The migration services checked travel documents for registration, and the Covid-19 sample was carried out by medical teams from the Ministry of Public Health.

Then followed the hotel registration by the tourism services. Foreigners paid US \$ 100 directly for Covid-19 testing and nationals paid US \$ 30 or the equivalent in Burundian francs.

The passengers then boarded buses to the hotels

of their choice where they will spend 3 days of rigorous monitoring for covid-19.

The Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority, Mr. Emmanuel Habimana underlined that the civil aviation authorities will follow up on these passengers even in hotels. "We will do a rigorous follow-up to reassure ourselves that they have not contacted anyone, this to mitigate as much as possible the risks of the spread of Covid-19 in Burundi", explains Mr. Emmanuel Habimana. And to add that these host institutions must also be followed rigorously.

It is a feeling of joy for some of these passengers who had just spent months and months without being able to return to their homeland. "I was supposed to come in April, given this Covid-19 pandemic, I couldn't, it's a feeling of joy for me, I missed my family; staying abroad after the mission has ended is a bit complicated, " said Elder Kwizera, one of the passengers.

Rwandair's aircraft landed on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, that of Bruxelles Airlines on Wednesday, November 11, 2020. And Thursday, Ethiopian Airlines, November 12, 2020, while Friday, November 13, it is the turn of an aircraft of Uganda Airlines.

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REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC
Secretariat-General of the State**MEDIA RELEASE CONSECUTIVE TO THE CABINET MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2020**

A Cabinet Meeting was held in Gitega on Friday 13th of November 2020, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Major-General Evariste Ndayishimiye, President of the Republic of Burundi. The following items were analyzed:

1. Strategy document for the implementation of the National Industrialization Policy, presented by the Minister of Trade, Transport, Industry and Tourism.

In 2018, Burundi adopted a National Development Plan which develops Burundi's vision for 2027.

This National Development Plan constitutes a reference framework for Burundi's economic policy.

It is based on levers reflected in the structural transformation of the economy, moving from traditional activities to the development of new, more productive activities to boost the economy. This transformation of the economy will be achieved through the National Industrialization Policy which was adopted in July 2019.

The industrial sector is indeed a very important factor in the development of a country through its contribution to the Gross Domestic Product.

It is high time that Burundi endowed itself with such a tool for structural transformation of the economy through its modernization.

The implementation strategy of the National Industrialization Policy with a detailed strategic action plan was drawn up in order to give new impetus to the industrial sector. It shows concrete actions to be taken to provide concrete responses to the challenges identified in the National Development Plan in terms of industrialization.

The main mission of this strategy is to provide the Government and its development partners with a tool for operationalizing the National Industrialization Policy, with a view to building by 2027 a dynamic, competitive and diversified industrial sector, an important element in the structural transformation of the economy.

This mission will be carried out through the implementation of actions broken down into seven political orientations, namely:

1. Develop infrastructure to support industrialization
2. Industrialize agriculture
3. Industrialize the mining sector
4. Industrialize the processing of agricultural products
5. Industrialize manufacturing
6. Develop the hotel and tourism industry
7. Set up legal and institutional mechanisms for industrialization

This strategy defines industrial priorities on the basis of the resources available in Burundi.

After exchange and debate, the document was adopted with certain contributions from members of the Government to be taken into consideration in order to improve the Strategy Document.

2. Draft decree on the status of the chaplaincy and military chaplains of the Burundi National Defense Force, presented by the Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Organic law n ° 1/04 of February 20, 2017 on the creation, organization, missions, composition and functioning of the National Defense Force of Burundi places the Chaplaincy Service among the services of the General Staff

of the National Defense Force.

Decree No. 100/011 of February 6, 2018 on the mission, organization, composition and functioning of the National Defense Force Staff defines the structure of the chaplaincy and further determines the duties of the chaplains at each level of responsibility.

Despite this taking into account of the military chaplain service by the essential texts governing the National Defense Force of Burundi, the particular character of its personnel and its mission remain elements which militate in favour of a status of chaplains different from that of the Officers of the National Defense Force of Burundi.

Decree n ° 100/133 of May 13, 2011 relating to the status of chaplaincy and the situation of military chaplains is no longer in harmony with the new texts governing the National Defense Force of Burundi, it is necessary to proceed with its revision in order to take into account the current context and integrate the necessary innovations into it.

This project adapts to the existing legal framework in order to maintain legal and administrative harmony and consistency.

After analysis, the Council of Ministers adopted this project after having made some adjustments.

3. Draft ministerial order establishing a framework for collaboration between the Burundian Office for Town Planning, Housing and Construction (OBUHA), the Burundi Road Agency (ARB) and the Military Construction Authority (RMC), presented by the Minister of National Defense and Veterans Affairs

This project will implement decree n ° 100/040 of March 03, 2020 reorganizing the Military Construction Authority.

This decree provides, in its article 7, that the Military Construction Authority benefits from the collaboration of other public structures in the field of town

planning, housing and construction, in this case the Burundian Office. of Town Planning, Housing and Construction (OBUHA) and the Burundi Road Agency (ARB).

This project clarifies the framework of this collaboration.

After discussion, the Council noted that the project does not meet the Government's concern which was to see the Military Construction Authority be able to carry out, like other private companies, major works on behalf of the State.

It was therefore recommended that the Ministries in charge of National Defense and Infrastructures identify what is preventing the Régie Militaire de Construcion from competing like other private companies and proposing solutions and also showing, in a concrete way, how the three structures, namely: OBUHA, the Military Construction Authority and the Burundi Road Agency can collaborate.

This project will be brought back to the Council of Ministers after completing this work.

4. Draft decree on the management of agricultural, animal and fishery production, presented by the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock

On October 22, 2020, the Council of Ministers analyzed and adopted a Strategic Guidance Note on the management of agricultural production intended for marketing.

This Note proposed an incentive system for the management of agricultural production, making it possible to encourage investment in the agricultural sector by guaranteeing it a sales market at a remunerative price. This will make it possible to produce more and free up agricultural products to be processed and sold locally or for export.

The Council of Ministers had recommended that the Note be converted into a regulatory text.

This draft decree is proposed within this framework.

It specifies the terms of incentive to increase production, the role of the National Agency for Food Security Stock Management (ANAGESSA) as well as the terms of marketing of production.

Following the discussions, the project was adopted with some adjustments.

5. Note on the bill on specific provisions for the trade in petroleum products, presented by the Deputy Cabinet Director of the Prime Minister's Office.

During its session of November 8 and 9, 2017, the Council of Ministers analyzed and adopted the bill on specific provisions for trade in petroleum products, with, among other things, a recommendation to verify the legal form that this text should take (decree or law).

The commission which had been appointed looked into this matter and confirmed that the text should be taken into law.
The text was then transmitted to the Parliament.

On September 18, 2020, the National Assembly requested the withdrawal of the draft from the agenda of the National Assembly by showing that the matter concerned in this bill is not within the domain of the law with regard to article 164 of the Constitution.

This Note is proposed for the analysis of the arguments of the National Assembly motivating the withdrawal of this text.

At the end of the analysis of the Note and of the arguments of the National Assembly, the Council noted that indeed, even if the legislative matter falls within the domain of the law with regard to the Constitution, the title as worded suggests that the matter is a regulatory domain.

It was therefore recommended that this project be withdrawn so that it can be reworked.

6. Note requesting the cession of land for the extension of the Nyanza-Lac District Hospital, presented by the Minister of Public Health and the Fight against AIDS.

Nyanza-Lac District Hospital was initially a nursing station since 1992 and evolved into a district hospital in 2008, with a capacity of 121 beds.

This hospital would like to increase its reception capacity by 100 beds, given the ever-increasing demand for care.

It is within this framework that the hospital, in agreement with the administration, planned its expansion.

In order to carry out the projects that the hospital has planned, and in view of the fact that the space available to the hospital is insufficient, the administration was requested to avail a plot of land for three houses of the Nyanza-Lac Rural Development Project. The requested property is vacant and adjoins the Hospital.

As access to the operation and change of use of such land must be authorized by the Council of Ministers upon presentation of a motivated report by the Minister on whom the activity to be carried out depends, the purpose of the Note is to request the transfer of the above-mentioned plot to the Nyanza-Lac Hospital.

After analysis and debate, the Council of Ministers gave its agreement in principle to the granting of this land, but recommended that the required procedures in this matter be respected.

7. Note on the progress report of the digital census of civil servants, executives and agents of ministries and state institutions, presented by the Minister of Public Service, Labor and Employment.

In order to have reliable data in relation to all the human resources of the State for a rational management, the Ministry of the Public Service, Labor and Employment was asked to organize a general census of civil servants, executives and civil servants remunerated from the general State budget.

This census, initially scheduled for October 26 and 27, 2020, had to be extended until November 6, 2020 following the entry into play of new institutions that were unable to participate in the training organized for this purpose.

As a result, the gross number of civil servants is 129,287, before reprocessing, civil servants in detention, hospitalized or located outside the country have not yet been identified. The Note shows the workforce by department and by province of residence.

The note indicates the difficulties encountered, among other things resistance to change with, for example, attempts to block the census by the unions.

As future prospects, the Note proposes in particular the establishment of a Data Center which would house all the data collected by the Government, as well as the extension of the census to joint-stock companies and the private sector.

Following the analysis of the Note, the Council appreciated the work that has been done and made certain recommendations, in particular the development of a proposal for the implementation of future perspectives.

8. Any other Business

- The Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing spoke about the progress of rehabilitation works on the Rumonge-Gitaza and Kabingo –Kasulu-Manyovu multinational road. He indicated the progress of procurement activities as well as the actual work. He indicated that the status of the project is so far satisfactory in view of the activities already carried out and those underway for the preparation of contracts.

The Project in fact comprises five components of works and twelve types of services, each of which requires its procurement cycle.

- Finally, His Excellency the President of the Republic made a positive assessment of the State Visit he paid to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea as well as that carried out by the Prime Minister in the United Republic of Tanzania on the occasion of the Inauguration of the President of the Republic, His Excellency John Pombe Magufuli.

Done at Gitega, November 14th, 2020

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