

PRESS RELEASE

1. The Government of Burundi is satisfied with the meeting held Tuesday 08 December 2015 in the context of Article 96 of the Cotonou Agreement, because the meeting has helped revive the dialogue between the Government of Burundi and the European Union.

2. Led by the Minister of External Relations and International Cooperation, the Burundian delegation gave all goodwill pledges of the Government as to the strengthening of good governance, the situation of human rights and the rule of law. The dialogue which took place in a climate of calm and mutual understanding began at 3:30 and ended at 9:00 pm.

3. Though the Communiqué of the European Union, released at the end of this session disregards the Government's statements, it should be noted that no sanctions were imposed.

4. The Government will continue to implement the commitments made until the beginning of February 2016, in accordance with internationally recognized standards in criminal investigations and conduct of national dialogue process.

Done at Bujumbura, December 08, 2015