

African Statement on the mandate of the Independent Expert
on the situation of human rights in Burundi

Mr. President,

The African Group has always been of the view that dialogue and cooperation are not only the best means possible to address human rights issues, but also the only means possible if success is to be achieved.

At the same time, the African Group has always emphasized the necessity of respecting the views of the concerned country in this regard.

It is with those two concerns in mind, and out of respect to the decision and sovereignty of the Government of Burundi, that the African Group has decided not to oppose the renewal of the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi.

The African Group stands ready to extend its full and unconditional support to the government and people of Burundi in their struggle to achieve progress and prosperity.

I thank you