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the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi  
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Mr. President,

It is with deep concern that we have followed today's briefing on the human rights situation in Burundi. The Commission of Inquiry plays a crucial part highlighting human rights violations and abuses in order to ensuring full accountability. We deplore human right violations and abuses committed in Burundi since April 2015, including extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, torture and mass arbitrary arrests and we are particularly concerned about their gravity and scale. A renewed and constructive engagement with Burundi's own civil society is needed to stop the violence, but quite the contrary is the case. Every dissenting voice in the country is being systematically suppressed, by obstructing and criminalizing the work of independent civil society organizations and human rights defenders.

Burundi's disengagement from the international community and its institutions is an additional matter of concern. Given the situation on the ground, the decision of Burundi to withdraw from the Rome Statute is an alarming sign, at a time when a clear signal to fight against impunity would be needed to end the violence. Preventing further violence and ensuring accountability is also a responsibility of the Security Council. The 112 States that are signatories to the ACT Code of Conduct on atrocity crimes expect the Security Council to act swiftly in this regard.

I thank you!