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**PRESS RELEASE No. 01/APR/06****RESPONSE TO MR. RICHARD SEZIBERA'S MISLEADING ASSERTIONS ON  
RUD-URUNANA AND RPR**

On March 31, 2006, Mr. Sezibera published in the Daily Monitor, one of the leading Ugandan newspapers, an article alleging that Rwandan dissidents in Kampala are preparing to wage a war against their homeland. He went on to single out the Rally for Unity and Democracy (RUD-Urunana) and the Ralliement du Peuple Rwandais (RPR). It was very surprising to hear such criticisms when it has just been reported in medias that the Ugandan government intends to give free land to refugees including Rwandans living in resettlement camps in Western Uganda.

It is not long ago that Mr. Sezibera dismissed the existence of RUD-Urunana and RPR. Although our organizations have taken notice, we have clearly stated that RUD-Urunana and RPR are based in Rwanda. Our organizations strongly denounce such false statements whose purpose is only known to the Kigali regime. It is the Rwandan population who has been enduring hardship for more than a decade of the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF) rule. Therefore, there is no need to be propped up by any foreign powers. However, we hope that President Kagame is not preparing a sinister coup as he has done in past before sending his troops to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). It has become a pattern for the Kigali regime officials to label anyone who challenges the criminal nature of President Kagame's regime as being "*genocidaire, divisionist, negationist, revisionist, war monger*".

It is ironic of a Rwandan official like Mr. Sezibera talking about "*terrorists, war mongers, rebels without border groups*" without even daring looking at his own backyard. It is not only one's own right to fight against all forms of injustice; it is every citizen duty in an open and democratic society. Since the Rwandan regime is neither open nor democratic, more and more ordinary citizens are obliged on a daily basis to flee their homeland and seek protection elsewhere.

Mr. Sezibera has either a selective and/or a very short memory.

Does he forget this soon the real nature of the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF)?

Does he forget which group launched a devastating war against his homeland on October 1, 1990? Doesn't he remember the mayhem, desolation and hunger the Rwandan population has been going through since October 1990? Does he ignore that it was General Paul Kagame who ordered the assassination of the Presidents Juvenal Habyarimana of Rwanda and Cyprien Ntaryamira of Burundi on April 6, 1994 knowing that such a terrorist act would spark one of the darkest chapters in Rwanda and in the Great Lakes region history? Doesn't he know that Paul Kagame and his *akazucratic* regime decided to invade the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) at several occasions causing the death of more than 4 million people?

Answering truthfully to these simple questions would provide a picture of a Rwandan regime different from the one Mr. Sezibera would want us to believe. It is clear to any unbiased and well-informed observer that twelve years of RPF rule has brought to the great majority of the Rwandan

citizens irrespective of their ethnic background nothing else but rampant injustice, repression, assassination, disappearance and/or imprisonment of political opponents and non-respect of basic human rights. While the Rwandan population is confronted to an unprecedented famine, Paul Kagame and his *acazucratic* entourage are busy spending a lot of money to dispatch all over the world death squads whose express missions are to assassinate selected Rwandan citizens who denounce ill-conceived policies of the current government.

Our organizations are committed to use all means to liberate the Rwandan people while promoting foremost peaceful options to bring President Kagame's regime:

- to liberalize the activities of political parties,
- to release without conditions all the political prisoners and/or of opinion,
- to accept without conditions an Inter-Rwandan Dialogue guaranteed by the international community,
- to accept without conditions the formation of a truly National Army at the service of all the Rwandan people,
- to accept without conditions the return of all refugees.

We remain confident that one day all criminals (Hutu, Tutsi and Twa) including Paul Kagame and his cronies will respond of their deeds before a fair and impartial justice system as opposed to the system prevalent in Rwanda at the present time. We were encouraged by the recent arrest of Charles Taylor, former President of Liberia. This action sends a strong message to all criminals in Africa that the impunity is neither tolerable nor acceptable even for former heads of state.

The RUD-Urunana and the RPR would like to extend their thankful gratitude to all the countries of the Great Lakes region, particularly the Republic of Uganda, that have accepted to help the score of Rwandan refugees fleeing the mayhem and wars staged by the RPF regime in Kigali.

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