



Foreign &
Commonwealth
Office

King Charles Street
London SW1A 2AH

6 November 2015

His Excellency Alain Aime Nyamitwe
Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation
Bujumbura
Burundi

Peace and security in Burundi

The eyes of the world are on Burundi at the moment for good reason. Some of the language used by Burundi's leaders over the last few days echoes language used twenty-one years ago to which the world did not pay sufficient attention.

I therefore urge you to take every possible step to secure a peaceful and prosperous future for the people of Burundi, an objective that the government of the UK and international community share.

The security and safety of the people of Burundi is ultimately the responsibility of your government. Your government will be held responsible for violence against Burundian citizens in the coming weeks.

The East African Community, the African Union and the United Nations all stand ready to help you build a positive future for your country. I urge you to take the opportunities presented to you for a peaceful solution.

James Duddridge MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State