Proposal for the peaceful settlement of political conflicts in Burundi

1. Political matters

   a. Guarantee of fundamental freedoms:
      i. Freedom of assembly
      ii. Freedom of movement

   b. Goodwill-building measures:
      i. Release of political prisoners
      ii. Continuing to enact the order to release political prisoners
      iii. Accelerate fair trials for those still being detained;
      iv. End the hate campaign

   c. Return of exiled political figures:
      i. Guarantees of personal security to facilitate their peaceful return to Burundi and free participation in social, political and economic activities
      ii. Livelihoods

   d. Human rights

   e. Rule of law and good governance

2. Constitutional, legislative and electoral matters:

   a. Constitutional issues

   b. Reaffirmation of the Arusha agreement provisions;

   c. Revision of the electoral law or electoral laws

   d. Revision of the National Electoral Commission:
      i. Mandate
      ii. Independence
      iii. Composition
e. Home Office:
   i. Respect for the principle of non-interference in party affairs (for example, procedures to allow for the registration and legal recognition of political parties);
   ii. Respect for fundamental freedoms (see section 1a);
   iii. Reunification of political parties according to the plan of action agreed upon in 2013
   iv. Produce a comparative analysis of good practices in the region.

f. Status of international and domestic election monitoring:
   i. Intergovernmental (regional, international);
   ii. Non-governmental

3. Socio-economic situation and humanitarian issues

   a. Impact of the crisis on the socio-economic situation;
   b. Return of refugees (spontaneous and organized);
   c. Reintegration of displaced persons into the country;
   d. Repairs and restitutions:
      i. For damages caused during the period of April 2015 (declaration of the candidacy of President Nkurunziza) until the current period;

4. Security

   a. Disarmament of armed youth groups allied to political parties;
   b. General and personal security (see section 1.c.i);
   c. Security sector reform / reform of the governance sector;
   d. Outside observers (EAC, AU, UN)

Potential mechanisms to put in place

   1. Joint monitoring and evaluation mechanisms:
a. Mandate

b. Composition

2. Political Party Development Fund

a. Allocations subject to legislative revisions (see section 2.d.i), the necessary circumscription and election results (by Ruzuku / grants)

b. The guarantors of this Proposal agree to support a professionalization fund for political parties with the current Proposal

Implementation timeline

This proposal covers the pre-and post-election period of the 2020 general elections