

ANNEXURE IV TO THE COMPREHENSIVE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT

MODALITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE LEADERS AND COMBATANTS OF THE PALIPEHUTU-FNL

1. The Ceasefire Agreement between the Government of Burundi and the Palipehutu-FNL creates conditions for the return to Burundi, under conditions of temporary immunity, of the political leadership and the combatants of the rebel movement, starting, thereby, a process that must culminate in the reintegration of those members into the social, economic and political life of Burundi.
2. The process of repatriation will be handled in keeping with the relevant international norms and schedules that have been used in the past.
3. The repatriation programme will extend over the following phases:
 - 3.1 Phase 1**
 - 3.1.1 Palipehutu-FNL will submit to the Facilitation a Certified Personnel Register of the movement's members.
 - 3.1.2 A separate list will be submitted of leadership and members who will be deployed on the Joint Verification Monitoring Mechanism and the Joint Liaison Teams.
 - 3.1.3 Palipehutu-FNL will also provide an indication of the location of its combatants to facilitate the planning of the movement to the Assembly and Cantonment Areas.
 - 3.1.4 A Facilitation Team will be established comprising the Regional Technical Team, Burundi Government and the Palipehutu-FNL.
 - 3.1.5 A Special Task Force will be established to provide security to the Facilitation Team which, soon after its establishment, will visit Burundi to:
 - 3.1.5.1 Assess the security situation in the country;
 - 3.1.5.2 Check possibilities for the accommodation and welfare of returning leaders;
 - 3.1.5.3 Look for office space;
 - 3.1.5.4 Determine the protection and security needs for the Palipehutu-FNL leaders, and
 - 3.1.5.5 Evaluate the identified Assembly and Cantonment Areas.

3.2 Phase 2

3.2.1 Processes will be defined for this phase to enable the armed combatants to leave, under the protection of the Special Task Force, the areas where they are based to the Assembly Areas. The arrangements will include combatants:

- 3.2.1.1 walking on foot to the Assembly Areas, or
- 3.2.1.2 being ferried from their bases in various modes of transport (trucks, aircraft, etc).

3.2.2 The phase will also see the unfolding of the DDR and Integration Processes under the direction of ONUB and other key stakeholders.

4. ROLE PLAYERS

The repatriation programme will require substantial material resources, especially funding. The Donor Community, therefore, will be a key role player. However, the African Union (AU) and the Regional Initiative on Peace in Burundi will have to be the nucleus of all efforts to give impetus to the project working together, of course, with the Government of Burundi, Palipehutu-FNL and ONUB.

5. SECURITY

A high premium will have to be placed on the question of security. The matter will be designed as follows:

5.1 Leadership

The Special Task Force will provide static and close protection for the Palipehutu-FNL leadership from the time they enter Burundi as part of the Reconnaissance Team.

5.2 Palipehutu-FNL will have the right, in coordination with the Special Task Force, to provide additional personnel for the protection of their leadership.

5.3 Combatants

The Special Task Force will provide protection and security to Palipehutu-FNL combatants as they move from their base areas to the Assembly Points.

5.4 ONUB will provide security to the combatants at the Assembly Areas and Cantonment Sites.

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5.5 The protection and security arrangements for the Palipehutu-FNL leadership will be in place for six months, whereupon they will be reviewed. Should the review indicate the necessity, the period of protection and security will be extended to meet the need.

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