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**Interactive Dialogue with
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 role in highlighting human rights violations and abuses in order to ensure full accountability. The gravity and scale of human rights violations and abuses committed in Burundi since April 2015 is deplorable and we are deeply concerned about recent reports of torture, enforced disappearances and sexual violence. The systematic oppression of Burundi's civil society as well as the recent appointment of a national commission to review the constitution is contributing to the deterioration of the situation.

Burundi's disengagement from the international community and its non-cooperation with the Commission of Inquiry are matters of great concern. Given the situation on the ground, the decision of Burundi to withdraw from the Rome Statute is another alarming sign, at a time when a clear signal against impunity would be needed to end the violence. It is important to note, however, that the ICC will continue to have jurisdiction over atrocity crimes until its withdrawal from the Rome Statutes takes legal effect in October 2017.

Mr. President

Preventing the spiral of violence and ensuring accountability are also responsibilities of the Security Council. 112 States signatories to the ACT Code of Conduct on Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes have pledged to act timely and decisively to prevent or end the commission of such crimes. What is the COI's recommendation to the Security Council in that respect?

I thank you!