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**Further information on UA 68/01 (AFR 16/017/2001, 19 March 2001) and follow-ups (AFR 16/019/2001, 20 March; AFR 16/020/2001, 27 March) - "Disappearance" / Fear of torture / incommunicado detention**

**BURUNDI Paul Nsanzurwimo  
Emile Masabo**

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Paul Nsanzurwimo and Emile Masabo were released from Cibitoke military camp, where they had been illegally held, on 27 or 28 March, on the orders of the Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Military region.

However, Emile Masabo has since been detained again, and is now in military custody in Maramvya, Mutimbuzi commune, close to the capital, Bujumbura. It is not clear why Emile Masabo is still in custody.

Both men were beaten shortly after they were arrested, while held at a military position in Mubone zone, close to Bujumbura. They were subsequently transferred to Cibitoke military camp in northern Burundi, where they were detained incommunicado.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in French or your own language (please check that postal services are operating to Burundi from your country):**

- welcoming the release of Paul Nsanzurwimo;
- asking why Emile Masabo is still in custody, now in Maramvya, Mutimbuzi commune, and urging that he be immediately released, if he is not to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
- seeking guarantees that he will not be ill-treated in detention;
- calling for an investigation into the circumstances of the men's arrest and illegal detention in Cibitoke military camp;
- calling for their ill-treatment in military custody in Mubone to be investigated and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- calling on the authorities to take urgent measures to ensure that members of the armed forces follow proper arrest and detention procedures.

**APPEALS TO (Please note, it can be difficult to get through on the numbers given below, and you may be told by the operator that they are temporarily out of order. Please be patient and keep trying):**

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Son Excellence

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**Salutation: Monsieur le Président de la République / Dear President**

Minister of National Defence

Colonel Cyrille NDAYIRUKIYE

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and to diplomatic representatives of Burundi accredited to your country.

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or your section office, if sending appeals after 11 May 2001.