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Further information on UA 343/00 (AFR 16/17/00, 8 November 2000) and follow-up (AFR 16/18/00, 1 December 2000) - Fear of ill-treatment/prisoner of conscience

**BURUNDI**Jean NZIGIRABARYA  
Cyprien SINDAYIGAYA

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Jean Nzigirabarya was released on or around 1 December.

Cyprien Sindayigaya remains in custody in Kanyosha *cachot*, Bujumbura. He has not been charged. Both men were apparently arrested because they were suspected of passing on information on human rights violations by members of the armed forces to the National Assembly.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in French, English or your own language (please check with your post office whether postal services are functioning to Burundi):**

- welcoming the release of Jean Nzigirabarya, and renewing calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Cyprien Sindayigaya from Kanyosha;
- calling for both men to be protected from reprisals or further intimidation by the military or security forces;
- calling on the authorities to guarantee Cyprien Sindayigaya's safety in custody;
- calling for an investigation into reports that a number of civilians were unlawfully killed by soldiers in Kizingwe colline on or around 30 October, and, if these reports are substantiated, for those responsible to be brought to justice.

**APPEALS TO:** (Please note it can be difficult to get faxes through. You may be told by the operator that the line is not working or the number is wrong. Please keep trying.)

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and to diplomatic representatives of Burundi accredited to your country.

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