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### **ONUB welcomes onset of negotiations between the Government of Burundi and PALIPEHUTU-FNL**

**Bujumbura, Burundi** – The Government of Burundi and Agathon Rwasa’s Party for the Liberation of the Hutu People-National Liberation Forces, known by its French acronym PALIPEHUTU-FNL, have begun talks in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, under the auspices of the South African Facilitator, Mr. Charles Nqakula.


A delegation of the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB), led by Ambassador Nureldin Satti, Acting Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Burundi, was present at the opening of negotiations.

ONUB welcomes the step taken by the two parties and encourages them to continue down this path, which, through the good will of all the stakeholders, will lead to an agreement ending the conflict, thereby enabling the people of Burundi to fully enjoy the gains of the hard-won peace. ONUB, on its part, will continue to support the negotiations to the extent of its mandate.

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