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So many people are victims of daily accidents because of antipersonnel landmines which have been undermined by the parties in conflict in different areas in the country. Being conscious of the gravity of such accidents especially at this moment of massive return of refugees, the CNDD-FDD Movement announces to the national and international communities the following :

1. On the invitation of Geneva Call, the CNDD-FDD Movement has committed, on the 15th December 2003 in Geneva, to respect the ban on antipersonnel landmines, to cooperate for landmines stock destruction, clearance actions and other humanitarian actions.
2. The CNDD-FDD Movement deplores the carelessness of governmental authorities in charge of people security about accidents caused by antipersonnel landmines which are found all over the country, although the Transitional Government has already ratified the Ottawa Convention on 22nd October 2003.
3. The CNDD-FDD Movement requests the International community for humanitarian assistance towards Burundian people who are victims of antipersonnel landmines. The CNDD-FDD Movement solicits also the intervention of Organizations specialized in landmines clearance to implement various humanitarian actions and allow burundian people to live and move everywhere in the country safely.
4. The CNDD-FDD Movement thanks a lot Elisabeth Reusse-Decrey President of Geneva Call, Claude Bonard Vice-Chancellor of the Republic Government and Canton of Geneva, Cornelio Sommaruga President of the International Centre of Mine Clearance, and Déo Hakizimana President of CIRID for the very warm welcome towards the CNDD-FDD delegation and other various activities done for the commitment signature ceremonies.
5. The CNDD-FDD Movement promises a very frank collaboration to the national and international community especially the Organizations specialized in antipersonnel landmines clearance, for the identification of undermine areas, for the clearance actions and for other various actions towards victims.

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*« Considérant qu'il est essentiel que les droits de l'homme soient protégés par un régime de droit pour que l'homme ne soit contraint en suprême recours, à la révolte contre la tyrannie et l'oppression, (...) »  
(Déclaration Universelle des Droits de l'Homme, Préambule, Paragraphe 3).*