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BURUNDI: EX ARMY CHIEF ANNOUNCES COUP

The former Chief of Staff of the Burundian army, General Godefroid Niyombare, announced on Wednesday that the army has deposed President Pierre Nkurunziza whose bid to run for a third term has plunged the country into a cycle of protests that have so far caused 18 deaths and over 50,000 refugees in neighbouring countries.

General Niyombare who made the announcement over private radio Isanganiro in Bujumbura, the capital, indicated that a national committee of public safety for the restoration of national harmony was being established.

Sources have also indicated that a spontaneous movement of thousands of young Burundians, who are trying to reach Bujumbura city center where the situation is reported to be very confused.

Meanwhile, the extraordinary summit of East African Community convened on Wednesday, with the participation of President Nkurunziza to discuss the situation in the country, did not start work due to acceleration of events in Burundi.

The former head of the Burundian secret services and also councilor to the Presidency of the Republic, General Niyombare was fired last February for his supposed opposition to the will of President Nkurunziza to run for a third term. (APA 13-05-2015)

MANAGING MIGRATION BETTER IN ALL ASPECTS: A EUROPEAN AGENDA ON MIGRATION

Today, the European Commission presented a European Agenda on Migration outlining the immediate measures that will be taken in order to respond to the crisis situation in the Mediterranean as well as the steps to be taken in the coming years to better manage migration in all its aspects.

The plight of thousands of migrants putting their lives in peril to cross the Mediterranean has shocked and it has become clear that no Member State can or should be left alone to address huge migratory pressures. This Agenda sets out a European response, combining internal and external policies, making best use of EU agencies and tools, and involving all actors: Member States, EU institutions, International Organisations, civil society, local authorities and third countries.

First Vice-President **Frans Timmermans** said: *"The tragic loss of life in the Mediterranean has shocked all Europeans. Our citizens expect Member States and European institutions to act to prevent this tragedy from continuing unabated. The European Council clearly stated that we need to find European solutions, based on internal solidarity and the realisation that we have a common responsibility to create an effective migration policy. That is why the Commission today proposes an agenda which reflects our common values and provides an answer to our citizens' worries about unacceptable human suffering on the one hand and inadequate application of our agreed common asylum rules on the other hand. The measures we propose will help manage migration better and thus respond to the justified expectations of citizens."*

High Representative/Vice-President **Federica Mogherini** said: *"The High Representative/Vice-president Federica Mogherini said: "With this bold agenda, the European Union has proven itself ready to address the plight of those escaping from wars, persecution and poverty. Migration is a shared responsibility of all Member States and all member States are called now to contribute to tackling this historical challenge. And this is not only a European but a global challenge: with this agenda we confirm and broaden our cooperation with the countries of origin and transit in order to save lives, clamp down on smuggling networks and protect those in need. But we all know that a real, long term response will come only from fixing the root causes; from poverty to instability caused by wars, to the crises in Libya and Syria. As the European Union, we are engaged and determined to cooperate with the international community on this."*

Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship Commissioner **Dimitris Avramopoulos** said: *"Europe cannot stand by whilst lives are being lost. The European Agenda on Migration concretely responds to the immediate need to save lives and assist frontline countries with bold actions, including strengthened presence at sea of Frontex-coordinated vessels, €60 million in emergency assistance and an action plan*

to crack down on smugglers who take advantage and abuse vulnerable migrants. In a spirit of greater solidarity, we are determined to implement a comprehensive approach that will improve significantly the management of migration in Europe."

Immediate Action

There is political consensus in the European Parliament and the European Council following the recent tragedies in the Mediterranean to mobilise all efforts and tools at our disposal to take immediate action to prevent more people from dying at sea. Today the Commission has set out the concrete and immediate actions it will take, including:

- **Tripling the capacities and assets for the Frontex joint operations Triton and Poseidon** in 2015 and 2016. An [amending budget](#) for 2015 was adopted today to secure the necessary funds – a total of €89 million, including €57 million in AMIF and €5 million in ISF emergency funding for frontline Member States – and the new Triton Operational Plan will be presented by the end of May;
- Proposing the first ever activation of the emergency mechanism to help Member states confronted with a sudden influx of migrants under Article 78(3) TFEU. By the end of May, the Commission will propose **a temporary distribution mechanism** for persons in clear need of international protection within the EU. A proposal for a permanent EU system for **relocation in emergency situations of mass influxes** will follow by the end of 2015;
- Proposing, by the end of May, **an EU-wide resettlement scheme to offer 20 000 places** distributed in all Member States to displaced persons in clear need of international protection in Europe with a dedicated extra funding of €50 million for 2015 and 2016;
- Working on a possible Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) **operation in the Mediterranean to dismantle traffickers' networks and fight smuggling of people**, in accordance with international law.

The Way Forward: Four pillars to manage migration better

The migration crisis in the Mediterranean has put the spotlight on immediate needs. But it has also revealed that our collective EU migration policy has fallen short. Looking forward, the European Agenda on Migration develops President Juncker's [Political Guidelines](#) into a set of mutually coherent and reinforcing initiatives, based around four pillars, to manage migration better in all its aspects (see also Annex).

The four pillars of the new Agenda on Migration are:

- **Reducing the incentives for irregular migration**, notably by seconding European migration liaison officers to EU Delegations in key third countries; amending the Frontex legal basis to strengthen its role on return; a new action plan with measures that aim to transform people smuggling into high risk, low return criminal activity and addressing the root causes through development cooperation and humanitarian assistance;
- **Border management – saving lives and securing external borders**, notably by strengthening the role and capacity of Frontex; helping strengthen the capacity of third countries to manage their borders; pooling further, where necessary, certain coast guard functions at EU level;
- **Europe's duty to protect: a strong common asylum policy**: The priority is to ensure a full and coherent implementation of the Common European Asylum System, notably by promoting systematic identification and fingerprinting and with efforts to reduce its abuses by strengthening the Safe Country of Origin provisions of the Asylum Procedure Directive; evaluating and possibly revising the Dublin Regulation in 2016;
- **A new policy on legal migration**: The focus is on maintaining a Europe in demographic decline as an attractive destination for migrants, notably by modernising and overhauling the Blue Card scheme, by reprioritising our integration policies, and by maximising the benefits of migration policy to individuals and countries of origin, including by facilitating cheaper, faster and safer remittance transfers.

On 23 April 2014, in Malta, Jean-Claude Juncker presented [a five point plan on immigration](#), calling for more solidarity in the EU's migration policy as part of his campaign to become European Commission President.

Upon taking office, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker entrusted a Commissioner with special responsibility for Migration to work on a new policy on migration as one of the 10 priorities of the [Political Guidelines](#), the political programme based on which the European Parliament elected the Commission.

Based on a [proposal by the European Commission](#), in a [European Council statement](#) of 23 April 2015, Member States committed to taking rapid action to save lives and to step up EU action in the field of migration. A [European Parliament Resolution](#) followed a few days later. (EC 13-05-2015)

SOUTH AFRICA: PLATINUM PRICE TO FORCE LONMIN JOB CUTS

Lonmin, the world's third-largest platinum miner, will cut 3,500 jobs or 10% of its workforce because of weak metal prices affecting the viability of its mines. It is the latest in the sector to look at job cuts.

Anglo American Platinum, the biggest miner of the metal, incurred the wrath of the government and unions in 2013 when it said it planned to cut 14,000 jobs and shut four shafts because of weak market conditions.

It revised this number down to 6,000 and has since put its Rustenburg and Union mines up for sale or a separate listing if a buyer cannot be found.

Impala Platinum, the world's number two platinum miner, said in February it would close five old shafts and sell its Marula mine as it focused on completing two new mines that would absorb labour as the old mines close down at the end of their lives.

Analysts have long expected Lonmin to restructure if platinum prices did not break out of the stagnant range in which they have been mired for years. The financial situation at Lonmin had been worsened by a five-month strike last year, which cut sales by 254,000oz.

Lonmin CEO Ben Magara said in November last year the company had embarked on a strategic review of its assets. On Thursday he said Lonmin had started talks with unions and employees to cut costs.

"Proposals under discussion would lead to an about 10% reduction in labour cost and equates to around 3,500 people. This reduction should hopefully be achieved through a voluntary process."

He gave no indication whether high-cost shafts or the 2015 sales target of 730,000oz of platinum would be affected.

National Union of Mineworkers general secretary Frans Baleni said the sector had cut 35,000 jobs since 2012 and it was "time to join forces to end this bloodbath".

United Association of SA (Uasa) sector manager for Lonmin Frik van Straten said given the recent history and platinum price, the restructuring was not a surprise.

Solidarity general secretary Gideon du Plessis said unions would aim to avoid forced retrenchments and handle the process in a way that did not increase already high tensions in the sector (BD 08-05-2015)

NIGERIA: MINISTER LAMENTS FILING OF FLIGHT PLANS MANUALLY BY PILOTS

Nigeria's Minister of Aviation, Mr. Osita Chidoka, has expressed concerns that in the 21st century, Nigerian pilots are still filing their flight plans manually rather than through electronic means in use in most developed and developing countries.

According to reports by Nigeria's Punch newspaper on Friday, the minister, who was in Lagos when Bi-Courtney Aviation Services Limited, operators of the Murtala Muhammed Airport Terminal Two, inaugurated passenger self-service facilities at the terminal, described this development as an embarrassment to the aviation industry in Nigeria and assured that the Aviation ministry had started changing the system for better.

Flight plans are documents filed by a pilot or flight dispatcher with the local civil aviation authorities prior to departure.

They indicate the plane's planned route or flight path. According to pilots and airline operators, filing a flight plan manually takes hours instead of minutes if it is done electronically.

The manual filing of flight plans is said to be also jeopardising airlines' efficiency and security.

According to the minister, there is also an urgent need to listen to pilots that fly in Nigerian airspace in order to ensure that the country's aviation navigational aids are up to date.

Chidoka said the ministry had introduced an on-time performance monitoring system to improve service delivery among the local carriers.

"The on-time performance of domestic airlines dropped to an average of 17 percent in the month of April. April has been a worst month since January when we started the on-time performance monitoring, using the aviation portal.

"FirstNation Airways still maintained the first position but dropped from 37.9 percent in March to 27 percent in April. FirstNation had an all-time high of 66 percent in February.

"We are monitoring this performance in order to improve the on-time performance of domestic airlines. During our findings, we found out that the poor performance in April was caused by fuel scarcity; so, fuel scarcity impacted on on-time service delivery by the airlines," the minister said. (APA 08-05-2015)

ZAMBEZI TO HELP NORTHAM EXPAND

Zambezi Platinum plans to help Northam Platinum make acquisitions and expand operations after paying R4.6bn (\$385m) for a 31.4% stake in the South African company.

Zambezi, owned by black investors, is listing preference shares on the JSE on Monday that it sold at R41 each.

Legislation requires that South Africans of races other than white own at least 26% of mines in the country, a policy aimed at redressing economic disparities created during apartheid, which ended in 1994.

"We are not just passengers in the vehicle, we are very much active participants," Mr Lazarus Zim, Zambezi CEO and Northam's chairman, said by phone from Johannesburg on Friday.

"We are in a position to, hopefully, grow the company significantly," he said.

Mr Zim is the former CEO of London-based Anglo American Plc's South African unit, former chairman of Kumba Iron Ore and Telkom SA, the continent's largest fixed-line operator, and a past president of the South African Chamber of Mines.

Northam, which owns the world's deepest platinum mine, would use the proceeds of the Zambezi deal to pursue deals and expand mines, it said in October.

The stock is this year's best performer among six members of the FTSE/JSE Africa Platinum Mining index, with gains of 28%. (Bloomberg 11-05-2015)

MOROCCO: CLINTON ENDS AFRICAN TOUR IN MARRAKECH

Former US President Bill Clinton and his daughter Chelsea Clinton have concluded the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) Middle East and Africa Meeting in Marrakech, Morocco, the CGI press office said in a

statement on Friday.

During the meeting, regional and global leaders highlighted regional successes and addressed pressing challenges by creating Commitments to Action, including ones focused on investing in youth; securing access to energy, food, and water; and expanding infrastructure for communities throughout the Middle East and Africa, the statement reads in part.

Since 2005, members of the CGI community have made more than 3,200 Commitments to Action, improving the lives of more than 430 million people in over 180 countries.

The commitments include efforts to improve access to health care, create clean energy solutions for those at the base of the pyramid, and increase the full and equitable participation of girls and women in all parts of society.

"We started CGI by asking people to make commitments. After a decade, there have been more than 3,200 such commitments, which have improved the lives of more than 430 million people in 180 countries, said President Clinton.

Just by getting people to do what they can - by putting people in the frame of mind that they should do something even if they can't do everything, he added. (APA 08-05-2015)

SUCCESS OF EUROMED DAYS AT EXPO MILANO 2015 PAVES WAY FOR OTHER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The EuroMed Days on 6-7 May were early successes for the European Commission at EXPO 2015. Building on the Commission's industrial cooperation work with Mediterranean neighbour countries, the event demonstrated the attractiveness of the proposed programme, and launches a series of events in conjunction with non-EU countries.

The EuroMed Days offered a good mix of business-to-business (B2B) meetings, a conference, visits to the Expo and to local companies.

In all, 510 participants responded positively to invitations to attend the EuroMed Days from the partner organisations who worked with the Commission to organise the event. The vast majority of participants were entrepreneurs eager to find business partners around the Mediterranean.

The B2B meetings were immensely popular with 840 meetings scheduled over the two days. They took place after the conference on the morning of the first day where political authorities addressed an audience of more than 260 participants, advocating stronger Euro-Mediterranean economic integration - embedding it into a broader political agenda for more stability, less illegal migration and more cultural dialogue at the Euro-Mediterranean level.

The technical sessions that followed provided practical information on tools and processes supported by the Commission to help businesses operate at the Euro-Mediterranean and international level.

Approximately a quarter of the participants came from all Southern Mediterranean countries, with the largest delegation coming from Tunisia, followed closely by Algeria.

On the EU side, there were representatives from 20 EU countries. Some participants came from as far as Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa to attend the event.

For information on other events with non-EU countries planned in the framework of EXPO 2015, visit the Commission's [B2B Worldwide Matchmaking Events website](#). (DG Growth 11-05-2015)

NIGERIA EYES GENERATION CAPACITY OF 20,000MW

Nigeria's Vice-President Namadi Sambo has said that Nigeria's power generation level will increase to a capacity of 20,000 megawatts even though the country currently generates about 5,500 megawatts.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Niger Delta Power Holding Company/NIPP 330/132/33 KV Transmission Substation at Apir in Makurdi, the Benue State capital on Thursday, Sambo said: "The Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) has effectively pursued its mandate of implementing robust power projects across the country under the National Integrated Power Project (NIPP).

"Under the first phase of its project mandate, the company has completed several thermal generating plants in the country."

Nigeria's This Day newspaper report on Friday quoted Sambo as saying that the NDPHC has 265 out of a total of 296 distribution injection substations located nationwide and several other power projects across the country.

The NDPHC has completed several 330 and 132 transmission with the 3,000 km transmission lines nationwide," Sambo said.

He noted that at present, the nation's power generation level stands at around 5,500 megawatts, of which NIPP contributes about 2,600 megawatts, a record that stands out in the annals of the power sector generation history in Nigeria.

According to Sambo, the company plans to construct new large and medium Hydro power dams and provision of power components for 13 existing dams mostly in northern Nigeria that will step up transmission to a capacity of 20,000 megawatts.

In his speech, Governor Gabriel Suswam of Benue State said that with the inauguration of the new project, the business investment community in the state would witness improved and more regular power supply in the entire state.(APA 08-05-2015)

ZIMBABWE: MUGABE GOVT INTRODUCES 'LAND RENTALS' TO PAY BACK WHITE FARMERS

An announcement from President Robert Mugabe's government that it will soon start collecting land rentals from new black farmers to help compensate white farmers whose land was taken from them could be "very good", the director of the Commercial Farmers' Union (CFU) said on Saturday. Hendrik Olivier told News24: "If there is a concrete realisation from the government that they want to sit around the table with white farmers [and discuss compensation], this would be very good and would boost the confidence of the farmers."

The decision to extract rentals from the new farmers, almost certainly an effort to restore confidence in Zimbabwe internationally and encourage desperately-needed foreign investment, was announced by Lands and Rural Resettlement Minister Douglas Mombeshora on Thursday, the state-controlled Herald newspaper reported on Saturday.

The minister said the move was approved by Mugabe's cabinet last week.

Olivier said that there were "lots of figures floating around" as to the total amount of compensation owed to white farmers who have lost their land under Mugabe's controversial land reforms, which were launched in 2000. He agreed that it was "most probably" around \$10bn, a figure that has been previously cited. (All Africa 09-05-2015)

NIGERIA: NNPC SAYS IT HAS OVER 1BN LITRES OF PETROL IN STOCK

Despite the lingering petrol scarcity and long queues at the few filling stations across the country, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and its downstream subsidiary, the Pipelines and Products Marketing Company (PPMC), said on Thursday in Abuja that they have 1.2 billion litres of petrol in stock.

The stock, according to the two companies, translates to 31 days supply, going by the 40 million daily consumption of the product in the country.

Nigeria's Daily Independent newspaper report on Friday said that the Managing Director of the PPMC, Mr. Haruna Momoh, who spoke in Abuja, explained that 21 additional vessels laden with petroleum products were offshore Lagos waiting to berth.

It added that the NNPC has made adequate arrangements to ensure energy sufficiency in the country, reassuring motorists that the noticeable queues at filling stations would thin out in the days ahead.

Momoh noted that the NNPC also has 21 days sufficiency of Automotive Gas Oil (AGO), also known as diesel, and 18 days sufficiency of Dual Purpose Kerosene (DPK) or kerosene.

He disclosed that as part of efforts to ensure petroleum products sufficiency and distribution, the NNPC embarked on aggressive Reception Depots rehabilitation in 2011, following which "as at today, 18 depots out of the 23 depots have been fully recovered with the exception of Makurdi, Yola and Maiduguri, due to the activities of pipeline vandals". (APA 08-05-2015)

CHINA WILLING TO DO MORE IN HORN OF AFRICA

China is ready to make a greater contribution to peace and stability in the Horn of Africa, Beijing said Monday after Djibouti's president told AFP negotiations over a Chinese military base were under way.

"Maintenance of peace and stability in the region is in line with the interests of related countries," foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters.

"It's also the common aspiration of Djibouti, China and other countries in the world," she said at a regular briefing in Beijing. "China is willing to, and also should, make more contributions to this end."

Hua was responding to questions about an AFP interview with the tiny Horn of Africa nation's President Ismail Omar Guelleh, who said that Beijing's presence would be "welcome" and discussions over a military base in his country were "ongoing".

China does not have any acknowledged overseas military bases at present, although commercial contracts to build or manage Indian Ocean ports have raised concerns it is seeking to establish a "string of pearls" in the region.

Djibouti is already home to Camp Lemonnier, the US military headquarters on the continent, used for covert, anti-terror and other operations in Yemen and in Somalia and elsewhere across Africa.

France and Japan also have bases in the port, a former French colony that guards the entrance to the Red Sea and the Suez Canal, and which has been used by European and other international navies as a base in the fight against piracy from neighbouring Somalia.

China is already financing several major infrastructure projects in Djibouti estimated to total more than \$9 billion (8 billion euros), including improved ports, airports and railway lines to landlocked Ethiopia.

"France's presence is old, and the Americans found that the position of Djibouti could help in the fight against terrorism in the region," Guelleh said in last week's interview.

"The Japanese want to protect themselves from piracy – and now the Chinese also want to protect their interests, and they are welcome," he said.

(The Guardian 11-05-2015)

WORLD BANK MANAGING DIRECTOR TO VISIT DRC

World Bank's Managing Director, Ms. Sri Mulyani Indrawati, will travel to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) from May 10 to 12, 2015, the Washington-based lender said in a statement on Friday.

According to the statement issued on Friday, while in the country, Ms. Indrawati™s will meet with President Joseph Kabila Kabange, Prime Minister Matata Ponyo, and top government officials on the long-term development prospects for the DRC as well as progress related to the Great Lakes Regional Initiative.

Her visit confirms the continued support of the Bank for this regional initiative, which was launched after the joint visit of World Bank President Jim Yong Kim and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon in May 2013, the statement reads in part.

The Great Lakes Regional Initiative is aimed at supporting the peace agreement signed in February 2013 by 11 countries.

The World Bank has announced \$1 billion to support the initiative through various programs to help the countries of the region improve their health and education services, expand cross-border trade, and finance hydroelectric projects.

This visit will allow the Managing Director not only to gauge the progress made with the Great Lakes Regional initiative in the DRC but also to assess the challenges yet to be tackled. (APA 08-05-2015)

TWINNING PROJECT LAUNCHED TO BOOST EGYPTIAN COMPETITION AUTHORITY



A new EU-funded Twinning project has been launched to support the Egyptian Competition Authority to foster an effective competition law enforcement system within the framework of a free-market economy, and in line with commitments entered into within the EU-Egypt Association Agreement.

The project aims at developing the technical, administrative, and institutional capacities of the Egyptian Competition Authority by providing European technical expertise and offering peer-to-peer learning opportunities with European officials and technical experts.

The project includes three main components, focused on:

- 1- Enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the legal framework of competition policies and relations with other regulatory authorities;
 - 2- Raising the efficiency and effectiveness of the institutional framework and human resources of the ECA staff;
 - 3- Contributing to raising awareness on the competition law and policies.
- (EU Neighbourhood 11-05-2015)

TURKISH AIRLINES TO INTRODUCE MAPUTO FLIGHTS IN OCTOBER

Turkish Airlines announced Friday that it will commence a thrice weekly service between Maputo and the Turkish capital Istanbul at the end of October.

The carrier said in a statement emailed to APA on Friday that the flights would leave Istanbul just after midnight on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, and return on the evenings of the same days.

There would be short stopovers in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The airline also said it was introducing low-cost flights for the route London to Maputo via Istanbul, competing with other airlines such as Ethiopian Airlines or Kenya Airways.

Turkish Airlines would compete with several other companies which already have flights to and from Maputo, including the Portuguese airline TAP, Qatar Airways, South African Airways and the national airline LAM.

Only TAP flies directly to Western Europe to Lisbon in a code-share deal with LAM. (APA 08-05-2015)

CANADIAN COMPANY TO MINE PHOSPHATES IN GUINEA-BISSAU

The Canadian mining company GB Minerals aims to invest US\$175 million to begin mining phosphates in Guinea-Bissau starting in 2017, its CEO announced on Tuesday in Bissau.

“Our plan is to have the feasibility study submitted to the government this coming July, to wait for financing until the end of this year and to begin producing in 2017,” Luís Cabrito da Silva said.

The CEO of GB Minerals indicated that the project also involves construction of a new port at Ponta Chungue by the Geba River east of the capital Bissau.

“From there the phosphates will be exported to international markets,” da Silva said, specifying that the phosphates for use in fertiliser production were expected to be absorbed by countries in the West Africa region, where demand is growing rapidly.

The phosphates were discovered in 1980 at Farim, a city north of the capital, though their commercial exploitation was successively postponed, largely due to periods of political instability in the country. (13-05-2015)

CEMAC ABANDONS REGIONAL AIRLINE PROJECT

Heads of state of the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC) at a summit meeting in Libreville have finally jettisoned a project for the establishment of a regional airline called ‘Air CEMAC’.

Considering the difficulties inherent in the launch of the community airline, heads of state, government and delegation have agreed to abandon the project, the final communiqué of the 12th Summit of the CEMAC heads of state, held in the Gabonese capital declared.

Introduced with great pomp in 2010 by CEMAC heads of state, Air CEMAC, which already had a president for its board of directors and a managing director never took off, despite the managers attempts to find technical partners.

Air France had been approached over the issue, but negotiations had been futile, according to Pierre Moussa, the President of the CEMAC Commission.

Sub-regional heads of state had floated the idea of unifying the Central African sky through the birth of a community airline, in the footsteps of the now defunct Air Afrique, which had been the pride of many francophone African countries for several decades. (APA 08-05-2015)

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