

BURUNDI: PRESIDENT NDAYISHIMIYE STRENGTHENS HIS CONTROL OVER THE JUDICIARY

President Ndayishimiye and his Government have recognized certain major dysfunctions of the Judiciary

Pervasive corruption

Stagnation in some procedures

Poor or non-enforcement of judicial decisions



BUT

Instead of in-depth reforms of the Judiciary, the following is observed

Increased control of the Executive over the Judiciary, notably through the reform of the Supreme Council of the Magistracy

Non-recognition of other dysfunctions such as political interference and exploitation of the Judiciary

Questioning of the very principle of the independence of the Judiciary

RESULTING IN

NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST IMPUNITY DUE TO LACK OF POLITICAL WILL AND PERSISTING DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS COMMITTED SINCE 2015