PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Secretariat of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) followed closely the presidential, legislative and local council elections held in Burundi on Wednesday 20th May 2020, together with the final results of the elections announced by the Constitutional Court on 4th June 2020.

It was noted that peace and security prevailed in the country during elections, the Conference Secretariat (CS) commends the Government and the people of Burundi for the organization of peaceful elections, and welcomes and appreciates the strong participation of Burundians in the electoral process.

The ICGLR Conference Secretariat congratulates the President-Elect, Major General Evariste Ndayishimiye, and lauds the other candidates for the peaceful management of the post-election phase of the process.

The Conference Secretariat encourages all actors in the electoral process to preserve and promote a peaceful environment in the country by taking into account the interests of the country. It is also necessary to continue working together with a view to maintaining peace and security to enable the people of Burundi to embark peacefully on their daily development activities.
In this historical juncture the CS will stand with Burundi and the Burundian people to support the country to move towards development. It is known that there is nexus between peace and security in one hand and development and progress on the other hand, accordingly the CS calls upon the international community, the development partners and the friends of Burundi to help Burundi to pass this historical juncture and move towards development.

Finally the Executive Secretariat of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region reiterates its full support to Burundi as an ICGLR Member State, and reaffirms its commitment to continue working with Burundi, wishing that the country will progress steadily towards the promotion of stability, democracy, and development in the coming period.

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