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The United Nations Office in Burundi (BNUB) has invited Burundian political actors to take part in a workshop that is being held from 11 to 13 March 2013 at the BNUB premises, in Bujumbura, in order to discuss lessons learnt from the 2010 elections as well as elements of a roadmap towards the elections of 2015.

This event forms part of the overall efforts to consolidate peace and democratic gains in Burundi. It constitutes an important platform to reflect together and agree on an appropriate framework for the organization of credible, fair and transparent elections in 2015.

The workshop enjoys the support of the Government of the Republic of Burundi and the international community. The national political actors that live in Burundi, those who are currently abroad, as well as civil society representatives, are invited to participate.

The United Nations Office in Burundi welcomes the commitment taken by the Government to put in place all necessary measures to guarantee the security of all participants, including the political actors that are returning to Burundi – with their collaboration, as appropriate. The United Nations have informed those concerned accordingly, following a request received from the Government to that effect on 12 February.

The United Nations welcome the readiness expressed by all political actors to work together, in a constructive spirit, so that the results of this workshop can contribute to the consolidation of peace and the strengthening of democracy in Burundi.

The United Nations invite all participants to seize the opportunity that is being offered to them here to lead frank and open discussions, while strictly respecting each other's freedoms. The United Nations urge all Burundian political actors to put everything in place so that the workshop can take place in a calm, peaceful and cordial atmosphere.

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