

ANNEX D TO RWANDA SUBMISSION

GEN JAMES KABAREBE SUMMARY DECLARATION ON ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE UN GROUP OF EXPERTS REPORT ADDENDUM

1. The allegations levied against me and RDF is false, misrepresentation of facts and misleading. They are based on half truths from biased sources in several of DRC officials, particularly from ANR and FARDC Officers and reports. This can be substantiated as follows:
 - a. The majority of the mentioned RDF officials in the Addendum report have worked closely with DRC Officials such as Head of ANR, Mr Kalev Mulond, FARDC officers since the Umoja Wetu Joint Operations. A direct line of communications has been maintained ever since, sharing information and official exchanges.
 - b. The RDF officers worked very closely with FARDC in the Integration process of CNDP and PARECO in FARDC in January-February 2009. Lines of communications were maintained with FARDC Officers, for the sake of both a successful integration.
2. Gen James Kabarebe responds as follows on specific allegations against him:
 - a. Telephone telecommunications to mobilise for M23 as alleged in paragraph 27. Gen James Kabarebe has never been to mobilise support for M23 among RCD politicians and Ex-CNDP officers. Telephone communications may have taken place with several old acquaintances aimed at peace consolidation but not for mobilising support for M23 as alleged. The so called RCD politicians and ex- CNDP are the ones with grievances and logically would on the ones on the contrary solicit for support. This is a false accusation.
 - b. Gen James Kabarebe has never been in charge of the "Congo File" within Rwanda Government, and no such "Congo file" exists, other than bilateral relations with DRC which is well known within Rwanda Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security sectors.
 - c. RDF Convened meetings. RDF has never convened any meetings as contained in paragraphs 28 and 29, and the alleged home of Gafishi Ngoboka may not exist. Cpt Senkoko on the 23 May 2012 in his personal capacity visited the home of Gafishi Semikore and it so happened that there were several people. It was not an RDF organised meeting, and Cpt Senkoko never attended as a representative of Gen James

Kabarebe. RDF has never organised the alleged 26 May 2012 meeting in Ruhengeri at Hotel Ishema, and has never engaged Bishops John Rucyahana or Coline.

d. Gen James Kabarebe does not know the Coalition des Groupes armés de Ituri, he does not know their leaders and has never had any telephone or meetings with them as alleged in paragraph 39 and 40. No financial support has been given as alleged.

e. Gen James Kabarebe is in no way central to M23 activities as alleged in paragraph 33 (c). To the contrary, he has been central alongside senior GoR officials such as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chief of Defence Staff and SG NISS in high level meetings with GoDRC senior officials who have included the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Defence, Chief of General Staff and Head of ANR. Examples of such meetings include:

(1) Meeting with Katumba Mwanke (RIP), President Kabila's Special Envoy, who came to Kigali with Kalev Mulond and Col J Claude Yav on 5 February 2012. The Special Envoy requested Rwanda to convince ex-CNDP officers in FARDC to accept to be deployed outside the Kivu Provinces.

(2) Meeting with Kalev Mulond, President Kabila's Special Envoy, accompanied by Col J.Claude Yav on 31 March 2012. The message delivered was Rwanda to mediate GoDRC with Bosco Ntaganda.

(3) Meeting with Kalev Mulond, President Kabila's Special Envoy, accompanied by Col J.Claude Yav, Col Sultan Makenga, Col Faustin Muhindo, and Col Innocent Zimulinda. The meeting which took place in Rubavu on 8 April 2012, was mediate GoDRC with ex-CNDP officers, and avert a military approach¹.

(4). 12 May 2012 meeting with Alexander Luba Ntambo, GoDRC Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and ex-Combatants. The meeting discussed the security situation in E.DRC and agreed to establish mechanisms of good neighbourliness, such as avoiding rumours and propaganda by negative elements, a Joint Verification Mechanism to establish allegations on both sides and a Coordinated Military Plan against the FDLR².

f. The Group makes a false assertion on paragraph 46 regarding Gen James Kabarebe giving operational orders to Col Bernard Byamungu. Working in the spirit of assisting GoDRC, particularly after the the message from President Kabila through his two envoys mentioned above, Rwanda

engaged several FARDC officers passing on the message as requested. Gen James Kabarebe communicated with Col Bernard Byamungu and GoDRC to stop the mutiny and resort to peaceful means. Gen James Kabarebe advised Col Bernard Byamungu to hand himself over to FARDC other than MONUSCO as he had planned. All communication exchanges made with Col Byamungu would be communicated to Kalev Mulond, Head of ANR. RDF Intelligence has never engaged in any form of support to a mutiny by Col Bernard Byamungu as alleged. This allegation has never been raised by GoDRC to Rwanda in all meetings held between the two countries.

3. In conclusion, the allegations contained in the Addendum by the Group of Experts, both against gen James Kabarebe, RDF officers and Rwanda are false. They have been arrived at from misleading sources in DRC security organs and individuals who have extensively engaged with the accused officials. Gen James Kabarebe has done a very constructive role for the DRC military and will continue to engage GoDRC officials both at his personal and official level. The Group of Experts will eventually come up with the correct report after a thorough research avoiding politicised information from doubted sources.

¹ Rwanda Report of Meeting Held in Rubavu on 8 April 2012 Between Delegations from Rwanda and DRC on North and South Kivu Crisis.

² Process Verbal De La Reunion Des Ministres De la Defence de la Republique Democratique Du Congo et Du Rwanda tenue a Rubavu le 12 Mai 2012.