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## Press release

## The 1st meeting of the Interim Executive Committee

The newly appointed members of the FDU-Inkingi Interim Executive Committee hold their first meeting in Kigali today. The Committee expressed its heartfelt thanks to the Rwandans in exile who nursed the idea of the party and for the confidence they showed to them in putting in their hands the future of the party. They vowed never to betray this confidence.

The meeting reiterated that the political environment in the country is full of hurdles and traps. They drew the attention for instance on the Parti Social Imberakuri which was split, thanks to infiltration and intimidation from the ruling party.

They singled out also another form of harassment by government services under the cover of security problems arising from grenades attacks. The regime has persistently blamed this insecurity on all political opponents. We unreservedly condemn these grenades attacks and any other terrorist acts. There is evidence that the infiltration of the opposition inside and outside the country is real, in order to fabricate more evidence that will be used to blame previous criminal activities on our party or our leaders. The ultimate agenda is to weaken and dismantle the opposition and pave way for a free ride through the next elections. The use of renegades or infiltrators for political purposes is one of the favourite tools of the regime.

The interim committee informs Rwandans that it will spare no efforts, until the party holds its congress, be registered and be allowed to participate in the forthcoming presidential elections. It is our constitutional right and no amount of harassment will deter us from this aim. It's only a free democratic process that can bring about lasting peace and development in Rwanda.

The Interim committee calls upon the international community not to abandon the country, because there are growing warning signals of very hard times ahead. It recalls that when the wind of change is there, there is no other way out but to organize elections and hand over power, through peaceful, free and fair competition. This is a crucial hallmark but not the end

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of our journey to settle a democratic culture and the rule of law in Rwanda. We will continue until we reach the goal.

FDU-INKINGI. Secretary General Sylvain SIBOMANA.