TO:

His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-MOON, Secretary General of the United Nations (UN)

Her Excellency Ms. Raimonda Murmokaitė, Chairperson of the UN Security Council and Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations;

His Excellency Mr. Donald TUSK, Chairperson of the European Union Council;

His Excellency Mr. Jean-Claude JUNCKER, Chairperson of the European Union Commission;

His Excellency Mr. Robert MUGABE, President of the Republic of ZIMBABWE, current Chairperson of the African Union (AU) and Chairperson of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC);

His Excellency Mr. François Hollande, President of the Republic of France

Her Excellency Dr Nkosazana Dlamini ZUMA, Chairperson of the African Union Commission;

His Excellency Mr. José Eduardo DOS SANTOS, President of the Republic of ANGOLA and Chairperson of International Conference for the African Great Lakes Region;

His Excellency Mr. Uhuru KENYATTA, President of KENYA and Chairperson of the EAC;

His Excellency Mr. Joseph KABILA KABANGE, President of the DRC;

His Excellency Mr. Jacob ZUMA, President of the Republic of South Africa;

His Excellency Mr. Jakaya M. KIKWETE, President of the United Republic of TANZANIA;

His Excellency Mr. Vladimir PUTIN, President of the Russian Federation.

His Excellency Mr. Barack OBAMA, President of the United States of America.

His Excellency Mr. Xi JINPING, President of the People’s Republic of China.

His Excellency Mr. David Cameron, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

His Excellency Mr. Charles MICHEL, Prime Minister of Belgium

Hon. Mr. Kobler Martin, The head of MONUSCO
SUBJECT: ATTACK ON KANYABAYONGA CANTONMENT CAMP BY THE FARDC.

Excellency,

The Democratic Liberation Forces of Rwanda (FDLR) express their outrage and deep regret following the attack of the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo (FARDC) against the cantonment camp of Kanyabayonga in North Kivu in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (RDC) harboring 374 disarmed former FDLR combatants and their dependents, attack that occurred in the morning of May 25, 2015 and caused many innocent victims.

The FDLR condemn in the strongest terms and deplore this despicable and barbaric act perpetrated against innocent and unarmed people in grave violation of international conventions.

The FDLR are worried that the same barbarism could happen again in the transit camps in Kisangani and Walungu where over a thousand disarmed former FDLR combatants and their families are cantoned.

The FDLR launch an urgent appeal to Your Excellency to denounce these macabre acts and insure that an immediate end is put to such attacks and the perpetrators prosecuted.

Despite these heinous crimes aimed at undermining the ongoing process of voluntary disarmament of the FDLR, we do renew our commitment to hand over our weapons to SADC and to engage in a political struggle when a political space in Rwanda is largely opened and the regime of the RPF-Inkotanyi in Kigali has initiated a dialogue with us and other organizations of the Rwandan political opposition.

The FDLR remain committed to peace and are convinced that only a peaceful solution through dialogue can permanently solve the political problem of Rwanda and bring lasting peace and stability in the African Great Lakes Region.

In the hope that their cry of distress will soon be heard, the FDLR present to Your Excellency, the assurances of their highest consideration.

Done at WALIKALE, May 25, 2015
Cc:
-His Excellency Paul KAGAME, President of Rwanda,
-His Excellency Yoweri MUSEVENI, President of Uganda,
-Hon. U.S Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region,
-Hon. Ambassador Saïd Djinnit, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN) for the Great Lakes Region,
-Hon. Ambassador Smaïl Chergui, AU Commissioner for Peace and Security.
-Hon. Ntsiki Mashimbye, South Africa’s Ambassador in Kinshasa -DRC
-Hon. Georges Rebelo Chicoti, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Angola,
-Honorable Simbarashe S. Mumbengegwi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zimbabwe,
-Honorable Mr. David Mahlobo, Minister of State Security of the Republic of South Africa, Current Chair of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defense and Security Cooperation;
- Hon. Ambassador Boubacar Gaoussou Diarra, AU Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region,
-Hon. Professor Ntumba Luaba, Executive Secretary of the ICGLR,
- Hon. Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax, Executive Secretary of SADC.
- Hon. Mr. Feller Lutaichilwa
- Hon. Mr. Mark Power UK
- Hon. Mr. Thomas Lynch
- Hon. Jane Alison Porter
- Hon. Colonel Temporel
- Hon. Mr. Anton Jongennel
- Hon. Lt Colonel Mandjani Omari
- Cosmas Nkhara BAHALI, Director Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS)