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The Democratic Liberation Forces of Rwanda (FDLR) criticize and denounce the ongoing biometric registration exercise of Rwandan refugees in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) that is executed when favorable conditions to reach the maximum possible Rwandan refugees are not met.

Indeed, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the National Commission for Refugees (CNR) have just chosen the moment when refugees are hiding in inaccessible Congolese forests following the attacks of the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo (FARDC) against the FDLR to launch this operation. It goes without saying that only a few refugees who have managed to hide within the Congolese population can be registered. And these represent less than 5% of the refugee population concerned by the exercise.

In addition to that, instead of issuing an identity card for refugees, they give an inconvenient A4 paper with the following mention: "***this certificate does not automatically give the right to material support***"! Worse, the UNHCR which is supposed to protect these unfortunate refugees abandoned to their own fate for decades has carefully avoided signing the certificate which worth almost nothing with the above mentioned quote. The two institutions are only concerned by winding up the financing of this operation regardless of its outcome.

The FDLR urge the UNHCR and the CNR to wait for favorable conditions for the registration of refugees and review the certificate they issue by making it easier to keep (miniaturization), deleting the above wording and making it valuable by the signature of the UNHCR.

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