



The Stop Impunity in Rwanda Platform requires to European politicians representatives not to receive Paul Kagame, recently under suspicion of genocide by the UN.

Between the 3-8 December, the president of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, will travel to Belgium, where he will be received by the Commissioner Georgiava Kristarina and presented to the European Union as a "Champion of the promotion of women's emancipation."

The civil platform "Stop Impunity in Rwanda", in collaboration with Belgian and Italian civil organizations calls on all European leaders to decline reception to a man who is accused of major crimes against humanity by a courts of Justice in Spain, France and most recently by a UN report.

We remind the European leaders that last October 1st a UN report was published, the Mapping Exercise in DR Congo, which stated that the Rwandan regime could be charged with genocide against the Congolese and Rwandan refugees of Hutu ethnic in DR Congo if tried by a tribunal. If an accusation of genocide is not sufficient a reason to re-think the relationship between Europe and the Kigali government; what else do our leaders need?

We consider it unacceptable for our European leaders this serious lack of respect to the hundreds of thousands of Rwandan victims, five million Congolese dead, Europeans that were killed there, the Spanish and French Justice and the UN itself. **We call on policy makers around the world to follow the example of president Zapatero and reconsider before accepting to meet Kagame.** If this person is finally judged a criminal, those that now remain in silence and offer support will be discredited accomplices.

We insist that Paul Kagame was elected President of Rwanda in an election that was deemed fraudulent by the European Union. The afore mentioned elections took place last August in a state of widespread fear and repression. Even today the opposition leaders and people critical of Kagame are dead, in jail or in exile. **We have been demanding for months the release of political prisoners in Rwanda: Victoire Ingabire, Deogratias Mushayidi and Bernard Ntaganda, It is an outrage to which Europe can not keep on closing eyes and in no way praising with honors to their repressor, Paul Kagame,** the alleged bloodiest criminal in recent history. It is for all these reasons that we believe the European Union should not continue to support the government of Rwanda or maintain funds that are administered by the current government of that country

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