



Federal Republic of Somalia  
Ministry of Defense  
Office of the Minister

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**Burundi National Defense Forces non participation in AUSSOM**

The Minister of Defense of the Federal Government of Somalia sends his complements to the Minister of National Defense and War Veterans of the Republic of Burundi and has the honor to communicate as follows;

The Ministry of Defense take note of your letter **Ref N°520/1687/0.1.22.0** dated **23rd December 2024**. Honorable Minister, we thank you for your timely response and for reiterating the position of the Republic of Burundi on this matter. While we regret that a consensus could not be reached regarding the allocation of numbers to the Burundi National Defense Forces (BNDF), we respect your decision and forced to admit the non BNDF participation in AUSSOM.

In light of this, we kindly request your esteemed office to dispatch a technical team that will commence the discussion of BNDF smooth and orderly exit from the mission and agree on timelines of handover of BNDF positions within ATMIS to the Somali National Armed Forces.

The Federal Government of Somalia is appreciative of the support and solidarity of the Republic of Burundi, in particular its National Defense Forces for its remarkable contribution towards Somalia's peace and security. We will forever remain indebted to you for your sacrifices over the years.

Regards,



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