

## The Courtesy call of Lord Malloch Brown to Honorable Rosemary Museminali

Today on November 20th 2008 at 8h00, Honorable Rosemary MUSEMINALI received in her office the British Minister for Africa Cooperation, Asia and South Pacific, Honorable Lord Malloch Brown.

Honorable Minister welcomed him and his delegation. Hon Lord Malloch Brown noted the busy schedule of the Minister Rosemary resulting from the on going Visit of the Kenyan President H.E Mwai Kibaki. The two ministers expressed appreciation about the recent trade partnership between Rwanda and Kenya. Minister Rosemary noted that Kenya is a good trade partner of Rwanda; we are working hard to bring about the agreements such as Non Tariff Barriers and Free Flow of Capital which are very useful for development.

The two Ministers also talked about the issue of Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the arrest of Rose KABUYE and the judicial independence and working system o the European Union Members. Hon. Lord Malloch Brown highlighted on the ongoing cooperation between Rwanda and Great Britain as well as the Rwanda's membership to the Commonwealth.

On the issue of DRC, Hon. Malloch Brown said that the dynamics of renewed confrontation raise concern of emergency situation of displaced people and humanitarian crisis in the Eastern DRC. He noticed the frustration that FDLR is causing to both Rwanda and International Community.

He suggested concerted efforts in dialogue between Rwanda and DRC to attain the solution to the current problems facing the two countries. On that point Honorable Rosemary MUSEMINALI, said that there have been talks with Kinshasa and there will be more talks which will be held in Goma on November 29, 2008.

She mentioned that the Army Chiefs of both countries will meet and discuss how FDLR can be dealt with. She said that there is now a will of DRC government to understand the catastrophe caused by the FDLR and the impression to have Rwanda help them to monitor the activities related to solving FDLR issue using whatever forces DRC has. Honorable Minister Rosemary also highlighted the positive progress following the visit of UN Special Envoy in the region Under Secretary General, Olesegun Obasanjo and the related activities done by AU, UN and Great Lakes Conference.

Minister Malloch Brown said that President Kabila gave him a clear line on the above issue and suggested ways of solving the issue, although the ways of understanding the causes of conflict remain contentious where DRC look at CNDP as the main cause of the problem whereas FDLR is seen as another by Rwanda. Malloch Brown said that it is necessary to cut the links of FDLR to FARDC and to the Economic activities such as mining in the DRC as well as integrating CNDP into the DRC government forces. However, he noted that this is difficult considering the people that FDLR has under control. Rosemary said it is possible if there is commitment and the will to cooperate by both Rwanda and DRC.

On the issue of Rose Kabuye's arrest as well as the indictment and warrants issued by French and Spanish judges, Hon. Lord Malloch Brown said that this is not moved in European Union discussions because of the independence of the Judiciary. Minister Rosemary said that this is the disrespect. The European legal System is much politicized. They should have used immunity of Rose not to arrest her but they didn't because they look at Rwanda as a small and poor African country. The European Union leaders should have done a lot more with regard to false charges of these European judges. Indeed, it is unfair to release those who committed genocide in Rwanda namely, Callixte Mbarushimana and put in jail Rose Kabuye who stopped it. This is lack of morality.

Minister Malloch Brown welcomed the anticipated future membership of Rwanda to Commonwealth, and promised to continue picking up the pace toward an integration of Rwanda. Minister Rosemary seized an opportunity to thank the British government for its support to that endeavor and to the development of Rwanda. She said that Rwanda appreciates the support (on budget and monitoring of policies) of Great Britain, since 14 years ago. Holland and Germany also support the budget of Rwanda considerably while UK takes the lead, Minister added.

Hon. Lord Malloch Brown concluded saying that the relationship between Rwanda and Great Britain remains strong and that they will continue to push where it will be needed, to find a regional peace. Both Ministers concluded saying that a regional peace and security leads to prosperity. Minister of foreign Affairs of Rwanda emphasized that Congo may be a trade partner; "a prosperous Congo is a prosperous Rwanda". She mentioned the necessity of reestablishing CEPGL (Economic Community of Great Lakes Region Countries) as a forum to discuss economic and security issues. After conversation Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation bid farewell to Hon; Lord Malloch Brown and his delegation that proceeded to meet his Excellency the President of the Republic of Rwanda and the Minister of Finance and Economic Planning