

## Minister received Ambassador Anna BRANDT

09 July 2009 Hon. Rosemary MUSEMINALI, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation received in her Mrs Anna BRANDT, Ambassador of Sweden accredited to Rwanda with residence in Nairobi, who came to bid farewell to Rwandan authorities as her time of duties comes to an end. Ambassador Anna Brandt will leave Nairobi to assume a post of Executive Director of the World Bank in Washington D.C.

Hon. Minister and the Swedish diplomat held a discussion on several issues regarding the situation of security in the region, the cooperation between Sweden and Rwanda and the new development in the justice area specifically the extradition of a Genocide suspect living in Sweden. Hon. Minister expressed satisfaction of the Government of Rwanda over the good news that Swedish judicial authorities decided to extradite to Rwanda Mr. Sylvere Ahorugeze, a Genocide suspect wanted by the Rwandan justice. On the regional security situation, Minister MUSEMINALI noted that relationships between DRC and Rwanda is improving a lot, diplomatic relation will resume shortly as both countries have nominated their respective ambassadors. Bilateral cooperation is also revived, notably around the joint extraction of lake Kivu methane gas and cooperation within CEPGL. Hon. MUSEMINALI further noted that the DRC government was determined to end the presence of FDLR in the Congolese territory, and Rwanda will always be ready to help the DRC government whenever requested. Ambassador Anna BRANDT raised the issue of cooperation between Rwanda and Sweden. Two new sectors will be concerned: the Umurenge vision 2020 and the sector of Natural resources. The Foreign Minister and the Swedish diplomat also discussed about the current Swedish Presidency of the European Union which has two major priorities: Global climate change and the Global financial and economic crisis. The Swedish Government wishes a particular focus on Africa on three agenda: democracy and human rights, effectiveness of aid and cooperation, and increase Africa-EU partnership.