

## **Burundi: the EU adopts sanctions against 4 individuals**

The Council adopted travel restrictions and an asset freeze in respect of four persons whose activities are undermining democracy or obstructing efforts to achieve a political solution to the current crisis in Burundi, in particular through acts of violence, repression or incitement to violence, including acts which constitute serious human rights violations.

The EU has repeatedly called on all parties to refrain from, and condemn, any acts of violence. Progress is not being made in the search for a political solution to the crisis in Burundi and there is a risk of an escalation of violence. This is why the Council has considered it appropriate to impose restrictive measures on individuals.

The legal acts, including the details of those targeted by the restrictions, are published in the EU Official Journal of 2 October 2015.

These measures form part of the EU's action in support of efforts by the international community, and particularly by the East African Community and the African Union, to achieve a lasting political solution through an inter-Burundian dialogue. This approach also takes account of the obligations stemming from the Cotonou Agreement concerning respect for human rights, democratic values and the rule of law, and, in this context, of the possibility of starting the consultation procedures laid down in the Agreement, inter alia in Article 96.

[Statement of 28 August 2015 by the Team of Special Envoys to the Great Lakes on the situation in Burundi](#)  
[Declaration by High Representative Federica Mogherini on behalf of the European Union following the presidential election in Burundi, 23 July 2015](#)  
[Council conclusions on Burundi, 22 June 2015](#)  
[Adopting EU restrictive measures - 'sanctions'](#)  
[Council Decision concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi \(1 October 2015\)](#)