

PRESS RELEASE

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The Government of the United States of America deplores the brutal murder April 8 of Ernest Manirumva, Vice President of the Observatory for the Struggle Against Corruption and Embezzlement (OLUCOME).

The Ambassador of the United States to Burundi, Patricia Moller, yesterday offered to the Government of Burundi the assistance of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in gathering evidence and identifying the persons responsible for this terrible crime. FBI personnel based in Nairobi, Kenya are ready to aid the Burundian authorities in the investigation.

The United States extends its sincere condolences to Mr. Manirumva's family and friends, and stands ready to work with the Government of Burundi to ensure that the investigation of his murder, and the bringing of the perpetrators to justice, will proceed swiftly and transparently.