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PRESS RELEASE

**DECLARATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE
FORUM FOR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN RWANDA**

On 14 December 2023, the ordinary session of the General Assembly of the National Consultative Forum for Political Organizations was held. This Assembly was chaired by the Forum's spokesperson, MP Pie Nizeyimana. On this occasion, the General Assembly of the Forum held a discussion with the President of the National Electoral Commission, Honourable Oda Gasinzigwa on *"Preparations for the elections of the President of the Republic and members of Parliament scheduled for 2024"*.

In his speech, the Chairman of the National Electoral Commission emphasised that, having taken the decision to combine these elections, primarily based on the many interests of the country, and the publication of the relevant laws and decree-laws, the National Electoral Commission had begun to prepare the draft regulations governing the elections, including the timetable of activities planned up to election day.

The President of the Commission also emphasised that the draft regulations were still being prepared and comments were being collected, which is why the Commission had come to discuss them with the representatives of the political parties. During the discussion, the political parties gave suggestions that will help the Commission to further improve preparations so that the elections run smoothly, and every Rwandan can take part.

The General Assembly of the Forum also condemned the provocative and insulting remarks made by the President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo. He accused Rwanda of taking part in the war raging in the east of his country and attacked the person of the President of the Republic of Rwanda, His Excellency Paul KAGAME; whereas it is he who continues to support and collaborate with the FDLR terrorist group which committed the genocide perpetrated against the Tutsis in Rwanda and continues to propagate the ideology of genocide in the region.

President Félix Antoine Tshisekedi Tshilombo also continues to support the massacre of Congolese who speak Kinyarwanda and encourages the Congolese people to take part in it instead of finding solutions to the problems facing his country.

Political parties in Rwanda condemn such atrocious acts and the provocative and insulting remarks done by the DRC top leadership.

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NFPO spokesperson