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**COMMUNIQUE FROM THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE FORUM OF
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The Ordinary General Assembly of the National Consultative Forum of Political Organizations, chaired by the Forum's Spokesperson, Mr. NIZEYIMANA Pie, met this Thursday, December 28, 2017.

The following were the items on the agenda:

- (i) Examination and adoption of the proceedings of the General Assembly Meeting of September 28, 2017;
- (ii) Lecture on "National Strategies to Reduce the Mismatch Between Imports and Exports and Promoting Made-in Rwanda products" by the Minister of Trade and Industry.

The General Assembly approved the proceedings of the General Assembly Meeting of September 28, 2017 with modifications.

As for item 2 of the agenda, regarding the lecture on national strategies to reduce the mismatch between imports and exports and promoting made-in Rwanda products, which was delivered by the Minister of Trade and Industry, Hon. MUNYESHYAKA Vincent, it focused on the Made-in Rwanda Policy established by the Government to promote local products, to reduce not only the gap between Rwandan imports and exports but also the changes currently noticeable in national economy.

The Minister pointed out that this policy aims at increasing and diversifying the production of home-made quality products meeting required standards in order for them to be competitive on the international market and to reduce the gap between national imports and exports.

The Minister highlighted the measures taken to solve problems that may counteract this policy among which urging the Rwandan community to continue to use home-made products, improve production quality and quantity and reduce the cost for raw materials.

Another measure is to help investors know where to find raw materials in the country and to establish a Public-Private Partnership law.

