



5th October 2014

Tony Hall
Director General
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Broadcasting House,
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CC: Emma Swain
Controller – Factual Commissioning for the BBC

Dear Mr Hall;

RE: BBC Documentary 'Rwanda: The Untold Story'

We, representatives of Rwandan civil society and political organisations, are extremely grateful to BBC for producing and airing the documentary ' Rwanda: The Untold story '.

The documentary introduced and facilitated a powerful contribution to the public debate on what happened during the genocide and in the past 20 years.

We appreciate this action by BBC for encouraging the understanding of the genocide and other atrocities that occurred in Rwanda by putting across opinions and evidences which allow people to make their own minds.

Genocide was a horrendous national tragedy that all Rwandans must own as a society and work together to ensure that it does not happen again.

BBC has given to the British public and around the world access to evidences, opinions and witnesses who have rarely, if not never, been heard not least because they have been accused of being genocide deniers. This is important and powerful contribution to the encouragement of inclusive, open and

democratic debate about the genocide, the Rwanda past, and the Rwanda present and more importantly the Rwanda future.

The documentary has ignited an important and useful debate and conversation among Rwandans in UK and abroad. The debate generated among Rwandans without any animosity demonstrates the positive interest it has generated and the documentary has undoubtedly earned its place in Rwanda history as an important tool that will facilitate open and inclusive debate that will shape future Rwanda whose foundation will be built on values of freedom, justice and democracy.

We are lucky to be living in a country whose values of freedom of expression and the rule of law makes it very hospitable and accommodating to all peace loving and law abiding people.

We are all committed to an open and inclusive discussion and dialogue.

On behalf of:

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