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**The National Commission for the Fight Against Genocide (CNLG) welcomes civil society calls for the United Nations to examine the role of France in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi**

Two prominent civil society organisations committed to pursuing truth and justice in connection with the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi have escalated their campaigns to the United Nations.

In separate submissions to the UN Human Rights Council in advance of France's Universal Periodic Review, CPRC and IBUKA have drawn attention to France's refusal to acknowledge its role in the Genocide and its failure to cooperate in the fight for accountability for these horrific crimes. CPRC and IBUKA state that France has violated its legal obligations under international law.

*"CNLG is grateful to CPRC and IBUKA for sharing copies of their submissions and welcomes these valuable contributions to the ongoing fight for truth and justice. Recent revelations in the French media about the French Government's decision to re-arm the genocidal forces and the role of French bank BNP Paribas in financing arms purchases underscore the critical importance of IBUKA and CPRC's call for the French Government to immediately declassify and release all documentation related to France's role in the Genocide."*

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