

**OPINION No. 34/2007 (Rwanda)**

**Communication addressed to the Government on 29 June 2007.**

**Concerning Mr. François-Xavier Byuma.**

1. (Same text as paragraph 1 of Opinion No. 14/2007.)
2. The Working Group thanks the Government for providing the requested information in a timely manner.
3. According to the information provided by the Government, Mr. François-Xavier Byuma, initially sentenced to 19 years' imprisonment by the Biryogo gacaca court, Nyarugenge district of Kigali, will not go to prison; instead, he will engage in community service as a punishment. According to the Government, that alternative punishment will enable Mr. Byuma to participate in the country's reconstruction.
4. The Working Group notes that Mr. Byuma was held in detention only on the day of his conviction in first instance. He is currently at liberty. The compressed sentence imposed in second instance by the Biryogo court of appeal is an alternative punishment to imprisonment.

5. Having examined all the information available to it and bearing in mind the fact that this person is at liberty, the Working Group decides to file the case of Mr. François-Xavier Byuma, in conformity with subparagraph 17 a of its methods of work.

Adopted on 29 November 2007