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Dear Jens

Double jeopardy in Burundi

You asked if this office could provide any information about whether a Burundian national who had committed an offence outside the country and has received punishment through the courts of the country where the offence was committed would be at risk of further punishment if they return to Burundi.

I have sought the advice of our foreign office colleagues based in Kigali, Rwanda from where British interests in Burundi are covered. They have provided me with the following advice regarding this issue: -

"Double jeopardy is only likely to apply in Burundi if there has been a crime committed against people or properties on Burundi soil for which the person concerned is tried in another country. Otherwise the law assumes that crimes are tried in the country concerned and following the laws of that country. Where an extradition treaty exists then this would be used in order to return someone to Burundi for trial."

I hope this information is of some help to you.

Yours sincerely

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