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**Speech for the Launching of the Rwanda Law Journal
Minister of Justice/Attorney General
Kigali, 10th March 2020**

Hon. Chief Ombudsman

Distinguished guests and Senior Government Officials

Representatives of the JRLS institutions

Ladies and gentlemen

All protocols observed,

Good morning

When the Rector of the ILPD, Dr Didas Kayihura contacted me and invited me to speak at the launching ceremony of the *Rwanda Law Journal*, I was humbled at the realization of the achievement.

I quickly accepted his request to preface the 1st law journal and to speak at this launching ceremony.

This journal comes at its time. It reflects the evolution of the legal profession from a poor and narrow setting in 1994 to a rich, broad and active stakeholder in the country's development today.

Our journey in building this profession has involved distinguished professionals who aimed to see change and progress; I want to thank them for their tireless contribution and transmission of their commitment in the shaping of the profession.

This journal comes to fill gaps. The presence of such a forum of lawyers (researchers, scholars, practitioners) sharing their work contributes immensely to intellectual growth-but also answers lingering or debatable issues our respective institutions might hold.

For ILPD, this is another milestone. In addition to training, now dissemination of laws through publication of articles joins the queue. Thank you ILPD for making us aim for the moon,-if we fail we will settle in the stars! .

Please ensure that the publication is sustained. We will now look forward to reading the 2nd issue of 2020. I am told it will come out twice a year.

To Colleagues in the profession, I request that all of you present here, we take this advantage and share our opinions, expertise and work through this journal.

Government will support the ILPD in fulfilling its mission.

Permit me to sincerely thank the USAID for supporting the development and publication of this first issue and to thank them also for travelling with us on various other journeys of the profession.

It is now my honour to officially launch the Rwanda Law Journal.

I thank you for your kind attention.