

U.S. urged to take active role in Rwanda crisis

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WASHINGTON, April 25 (Reuter) - The United States should take an active role in trying to end the conflict in Rwanda, nine members of the House of Representatives' Africa subcommittee urged Monday.

"The United States is seen by the parties to the dispute as an honest broker. We, therefore, have a critical role to play as an intermediary if the Rwandan conflict is to be resolved," the members said in a letter to President Clinton.

"The goal is to get everyone back to the negotiating table as soon as possible," said New York Democrat Eliot Engel, who wrote the letter.

The letter urged Clinton to inform the parties in Rwanda that the United States will not recognise any government which assumes control by force and to make it clear that those responsible for killing civilians will be held accountable.

"It is important to demonstrate that these individuals are just as worthy of our attention as people affected by conflicts in other parts of the world," the seven Democrats and two Republicans said.

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