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 SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON UNAMIR HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES

REFERENCE:

1. THIS SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT IS SUBMITTED TO FOCUS ON UNAMIR HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES DURING THE PRESENT CRISIS.

2. ON 7 APRIL 1994, THE FIRST DAY OF THE CONFLICT UNAMIR RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE. AS MANY WERE RESPONDED TO AS POSSIBLE. UNFORTUNATELY NOT ALL COULD BE ANSWERED DUE TO THE ROADBLOCKS, FIRING AND DIRECTED FIRE AT UNAMIR VEHICLES. SOME OF THESE UNFORTUNATELY RESULTED IN DEATH OR HOSTAGE TAKING. 30 UNDP HOSTAGES INCLUDING THE CHILDREN OF PH AGATHE WERE NEGOTIATED TO FREEDOM BY UNDP SECURITY AND UNMOs. SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAVE BEEN REPORTED KILLED. UNAMIR SUCCESSFULLY RESCUED THE PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE AND IS PROTECTING HIM. IN ADDITION, UNAMIR HAS TAKEN CASUALTIES IN PROTECTING VIPs.

3. UNAMIR ATTEMPTED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH AS MANY AGENCIES AS POSSIBLE BUT TELEPHONE LINES, OUR ONLY COMMUNICATION WITH MOST OF THEM WENT DOWN EARLY MORNING 8 APRIL AND HAVE NOT BEEN RESTORED. WITHOUT A TELEPHONE SYSTEM COORDINATION IS DIFFICULT TO IMPOSSIBLE. OUR OBSERVATION IS THAT MOST AGENCIES HAVE CEASED OPERATIONS AND ARE SITTING OUT THE PRESENT CONFLICT.

4. ALL UNAMIR CAMPS HAVE SHELTERED CIVILIANS TERRIFIED BY THE RUTHLESS CAMPAIGN OF ETHNIC CLEANSING AND TERROR. UNAMIR FIELD HOSPITAL FOR EXAMPLE IS SHELTERING 5000 PEOPLE WITH A UN MILITARY STAFF OF 50 PERSONNEL. FORCE HQ HAS TAKEN IN 150 SURVIVORS OF THE ETHNIC CLEANSING IN REMERA. RUTBAT HAS ABOUT 400 PERSONS IN THEIR COMPOUND, VICTIMS FROM THE SAME TRAGEDY. MOST UNITS HAVE MINIMAL WATER AND FOOD BUT ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO SHARE WHAT LITTLE WE HAVE WITH THE REFUGEES. THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION WE MAKE TO REFUGEES IS PROVIDING THEM WITH A SENSE OF SECURITY WITHIN THE CHAOS OF

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5. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO EVEN ESTIMATE AT THIS TIME BUT INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THEY ARE QUITE HEAVY AND PRIMARILY ETHNIC IN NATURE. IN ADDITION BANDITRY IS BEING CONDUCTED AND POLITICAL CLEANSING OF THE OPPOSITION HAS OCCURRED.

6. UNAMIR HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL IT CAN WITHIN ITS MANDATE AND RESOURCES TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES. THE BEST ASSISTANCE WE CAN PROVIDE IS NEGOTIATING A CEASE-FIRE AND THEN RETURNING TO OUR MANDATE TASKS FOR THE POLITICAL PROCESS TO CONTINUE.

7. THIS MISSION IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THIS CONFLICT. UNAMIR HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF A DELIBERATE BIAS CAMPAIGN BY SOME OF THE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED MEDIA INSIDE RWANDA. IN ADDITION, VERY FEW IF ANY FOREIGN REPORTERS ARE IN THE COUNTRY TO PROVIDE TIMELY AND ACCURATE MEDIA COVERAGE. SOLE RELIANCE ON LOCAL REPORTERS CAN RESULT IN DISINFORMATION AND FAULTY REPORTING. UNAMIR, WITH ITS SPOKESMAN, WHO HAS BEEN INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH THE COMMAND AND CONTROL STAFF SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CONFLICT, HAS GENUINELY ATTEMPTED TO GET ACCURATE AND TIMELY INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA. UNFORTUNATELY THE CLOUD OF WAR OFTEN CONFUSES REPORTS AND INFORMATION. UNAMIR WILL CONTINUE TO EMPLOY ONLY ONE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN AS THE REMAINDER OF THE STAFF HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET TO THE HEADQUARTERS DUE TO THE CONFLICT. THE SRSG, FC AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR\POLITICAL ADVISOR WILL COMMENT TO MEDIA REQUESTS AT APPROPRIATE TIMES. THE MAIN EFFORT OF THIS MISSION HAS BEEN TO PROVIDE PROVEN AND VERIFIED FACTS OR IF APPROPRIATE STATED UNCONFIRMED REPORTS TO UNHQ AND THE MEDIA AND THE MISSION HAS ATTEMPTED TO AVOID SPECULATION, RUMOUR AND CLOUDY REPORTS.

8. REGARDS.



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Bruxelles, le 9 Avril 1994

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Les auteurs de l'attentat dont ont été victimes le président Habyarimana, le président du Burundi et des personnalités qui les accompagnaient n'ont pas encore, à ce jour, été identifiés. Le FPR se joint aux voix qui se sont exprimées pour réclamer une enquête internationale.

Aujourd'hui, à la suite de cet attentat, notre pays est plongé dans un bain de sang par ceux-là même qui, de longue date, ont planifié la purification ethnique et politique. La mort du président de la République a donné aux extrémistes du MRND-CDR, dont la Garde présidentielle constitue le bras armé, le signal d'une chasse à courre des membres de l'opposition, des entrepreneurs, de ceux qui sont victimes d'être nos "tutsi", des membres du clergé, de l'intelligentsia et des ONG. Ils n'hésitent pas de s'en prendre aux ressortissants étrangers et aux casques bleus venus aider notre pays à s'engager sur la voie de la démocratie. Leurs visées sont évidentes : décimer l'opposition, plonger le pays dans l'obscurantisme et intimider les ressortissants étrangers. Le FPR condamne ces actes barbares et ne peut les tolérer plus longtemps.

Sans vergogne, les commanditaires des ces massacres viennent de se constituer en "comité de salut public". Faut-il rappeler que ce sont les mêmes qui, par leurs stratagèmes, ont bloqué la mise en oeuvre de l'Accord de paix d'Arusha. Quel "salut public" les ennemis de la paix peuvent-ils apporter à notre pays ? Le FPR rejette catégoriquement un gouvernement constitué pour/dans la terreur.

Le FPR comprend que les Etats-Unis, la France et la Belgique décident de rapatrier leurs ressortissants pris dans l'engrenage de la violence. Il rappelle que ces pays se sont engagés à son égard à limiter le mandat de leurs troupes à cette seule mission humanitaire. La durée de leur présence dans notre pays doit rester raisonnable. L'expérience nous a appris que certains pays manient le double langage et ne respectent pas la parole donnée. Le FPR refusera de cautionner ceux qui cherchent à transformer de prétendues missions humanitaires en assistance militaire à des régimes autocratiques à bout de course.

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