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Letter from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a communiqué issued at a regional summit meeting held at Dar es Salaam on 6 April 1994

S/1994/406, 7 April 1994

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communiqué issued at the end of a regional summit meeting held at Dar es Salaam on 6 April 1994 on the situation prevailing in Burundi and Rwanda.

I should be grateful if you would have the communiqué (see annex) circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ulli K. MWAMBULUKUTU
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Communiqué issued at the end of a regional summit meeting held at Dar es Salaam on 6 April 1994 on the situation prevailing in Burundi and Rwanda

1. At the invitation of His Excellency Ali Hassan Mwinyi, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, a regional summit meeting was held at Dar es Salaam on 6 April 1994.

2. Participating in the summit, in addition to the Head of State of the United Republic of Tanzania, were His Excellency Major General Habyarimana Juvénal, President of the Rwandese Republic, His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellency Ntaryamira Cyprien, President of the Republic of Burundi, the Honourable Professor George Saitoti, Vice President of the Republic of Kenya, and Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

3. The meeting was convened in order to find ways to help Burundi and Rwanda resolve the political and security problems in their countries.

4. On the subject of Burundi, the leaders noted with deep concern that, despite the dawn of a new era of peace, stability and cooperation established after successful democratic elections in June 1993 and the establishment of a broadly based Government and, recently, the Government of Consensus, Burundi has again been plunged into ethnically motivated political turmoil.

5. The leaders resolved:

(a) To support the Government of National Consensus now in place and to call on all political and security forces to cooperate fully;

(b) To reaffirm the role of OAU, including the emplacement of the military component of OAU to assist in the restoration of confidence and the smooth functioning of the state institutions, and to encourage OAU in that role and call on it to examine how that mission could be strengthened to carry out its task;

(c) To call for an urgent programme of reform of the army and other security services;

(d) To demand full support and cooperation from the political and security forces for unimpeded functioning of the institutions of Government and warn that any obstruction of the implementation would have far-reaching consequences.

6. The leaders decided to meet again at an appropriate time to review the situation.

7. On the subject of Rwanda, the leaders noted with concern that not all the transitional institutions that were supposed to be formed following the signing of the Arusha Peace Agreement on 4 August 1993 were yet fully in place. In this connection, they urged all parties concerned to abide by the letter and spirit of the Arusha Peace Agreement and, especially, to establish without further delay all the remaining transitional institutions.

8. Finally, the leaders participating in the Dar es Salaam summit meeting expressed their gratitude to His Excellency Ali Hassan Mwinyi, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, for the warm and brotherly hospitality extended to them, as well as to their delegations, since their arrival in the United Republic of Tanzania.

Done at Dar es Salaam, 6 April 1994.

For the United Republic of Tanzania

(Signed) Ali Hassan MWINYI
President of the United Republic of Tanzania

For the Republic of Rwanda For the Republic
of Uganda

(Signed)
Habyarimana JUVÉNAL
Major General
President of the Republic
of Uganda

(Signed)
Yoweri Kaguta MUSEVENI
President of the
Rwandese Republic

For the Republic of Burundi	For the Republic of Kenya	In the presence of
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Ntaryamira CYPRIEN	George SAITOTI	(Signed) Salim Ahmed SALIM
President of the Republic of Burundi	Vice President of the Republic of Kenya	Secretary General of OAU

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Statement by the Secretary-General expressing grief over the deaths of the Presidents of Burundi and Rwanda

UN Press Release SG/SM/5259, 7 April 1994

I have learned with horror, and profound personal grief, of the reported deaths of President Cyprien Ntaryamira of Burundi and President Juvénal Habyarimana of Rwanda in an air crash at Kigali last night. I have already presented my condolences to the families of the Presidents and to the peoples of the two countries.

I have instructed my Special Representative in Rwanda and the Force Commander of the United

Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) to provide all possible assistance to the authorities in their efforts to establish the facts.

This tragedy will further complicate the task entrusted to the United Nations of helping the Governments and peoples of Burundi and Rwanda to restore internal peace in their countries. I implore all concerned to act with responsibility and restraint at this very difficult time.

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Statement by the President of the Security Council regretting the deaths of the Presidents of Rwanda and Burundi and condemning all acts of violence in Rwanda, particularly the deaths of 10 Belgian peace-keepers

S/PRST/1994/16, 7 April 1994

The Security Council is deeply disturbed by the tragic incident that resulted in the deaths of the Presidents of Burundi and Rwanda on 6 April 1994 and the ensuing violence. The Council expresses regret at the incident. It invites the Secretary-General to collect all available information with all means at his disposal and report to the Council as soon as possible.

The Security Council is following with great concern the situation as described by the Secretariat in its oral report. There has been considerable loss of lives, including the deaths of Government leaders, many civilians and at least ten Belgian peace-keepers as well as the reported kidnapping of others. The Council strongly condemns these horrific attacks and their perpetrators, who must be held responsible.

The Council strongly condemns all these acts of violence and in particular these attacks against United Nations personnel and urges the Rwandese security forces and military and paramilitary units to put an end

to these attacks and to cooperate fully with UNAMIR in the implementation of its mandate. It further demands that all measures be taken to provide security throughout the country and particularly in Kigali and the demilitarized zone (DMZ). Furthermore, the Council expresses its extreme concern at the implications for United Nations personnel and requests the Secretary-General to report on and take measures necessary to ensure their safety and security. The Council also demands that free access to the airport be restored in order to allow those who wish to enter or leave the country to do so.

The Council appeals to all Rwandese and to all parties and factions to desist from any further acts or threats of violence and to maintain the positions they held before the incident. It urges respect for the safety and security of the civilian population and of the foreign communities living in Rwanda as well as of UNAMIR and other United Nations personnel.

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