

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

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Rwanda

Mr. de Soto said the battle for Ruhongeri was continuing and the situation in Kigali remained tense. Four Ghanaian soldiers had been wounded and the Force Commander had protested the shelling. An attempt had been made to relocate some displaced persons but the UNAMIR convoy had been stopped and looted. UNHCR was doing what it could to help the 250,000 refugees in Tanzania. Mr. Booh-Booh, calling from Kampala, said that the two sides were still not talking, and proximity talks had been initiated. UNAMIR was expected to play an important role in the cease-fire negotiations.

The President read out a briefing on the current state of negotiations (text attached). Concerning the proposed international presence, he hoped that the Council would avoid a chicken-and-egg situation, whereby:

- i) certain African countries wanted to know more details about its role and time-frame before committing troops; but
- ii) the UN Secretary-General was saying he could not make the required recommendations until he had some offers of troops from African countries.

No delegation wished to take the floor, but Pakistan said the Council could not do much more for now except wish the Tanzanian Prime Minister and the OAU Secretary-General success in their negotiating efforts and to express its appreciation to the Force Commander and the rest of UNAMIR over the superb job they were doing.

Djibouti said the Council must not be silent at this stage, and "in due course" the NAM Caucus would be presenting a draft resolution. [Nothing more was heard from the United States on the draft resolution which it announced it was going to present imminently.]

