



FRONT PATRIOTIQUE RWANDAIS
RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT



6 May 1994

H.E. Ambassador Ibrahim A. Gambari
President
UN Security Council
New York

Dear Mr. President,

Re: CONSULTATIONS ON THE PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT OF A UN FORCE IN RWANDA

The Rwandese Patriotic Front has learnt that the process of preparing a draft resolution on the above force to be tabled before the Security Council is already underway. The draft resolution, we understand, is being prepared by the caucus of Non Aligned Movement.

As a party to the Arusha Peace Agreement, the Rwandese Patriotic Front is an interest party in the matter under consideration and is rightfully entitled to be consulted on all issues relating to the proposed deployment of the UN force.

As your Excellency will recall, even the deployment of UNAMIR in Rwanda was authorized by the Security Council at the joint request of the Rwandese Patriotic Front and the then government of Rwanda.

We are also of the view that the successful implementation of any resolution which the UN Security Council may pass will definitely require the consent and smooth cooperation of the Rwandese Patriotic Front.

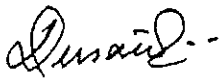
We write to your Excellence to express our very grave concern that the Rwandese Patriotic Front is not being adequately consulted during the preparation of the proposed draft resolution. We find the oversight or deliberate effort to exclude us from the process of preparing the draft resolution all the more alarming because Rwanda is now represented in the organs of the United Nations, including the Security Council, by an Ambassador who, by his own admission, represents the self-styled provisional government of Rwanda. We believe that if the representative of that clique that has seized power in manner contrary to the provisions of our national Constitution and the Arusha Peace Agreement and is responsible for the atrocities which have been committed in Rwanda is accorded the opportunity to be heard, we too should be given the opportunity to give our opinions on the situation in Rwanda and the proposed UN force by all those who are currently debating and dealing with these issues.

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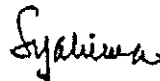
We regret that the Rwandese Patriotic Front shall not in future be responsible for the failure to implement any resolution which the Security Council may pass if a decision on the proposed UN force is made solely on the basis of consultations with only one of the parties to the conflict in Rwanda.

We call upon your Excellency to intervene and use your good offices to ensure that we are consulted throughout the whole process of considering issues relating to the proposed deployment of the UN force in Rwanda and that we are given ample time to communicate whatever proposals interested parties may have to our leaders in Rwanda and to seek our leaders' instructions on those proposals before the UN Security Council makes a decision.

For: The Political Bureau of the Rwandese Patriotic Front



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CC: UN Secretary-General
All members of the UN Security Council
Chairman, NAM Caucus
Chairman, Africa Group
OAU Secretary-General