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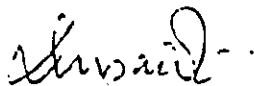
Statement

The Rwandese Patriotic Front welcomes the Security Council's resolution to establish a humanitarian mission to Rwanda and will fully cooperate with such a mission, so long as it is established and deployed in full consultation with the Patriotic Front. As we have stated before, it is the view of the Rwandese Patriotic Front that a force the size of 5,500 is too large and unacceptable for the envisaged mission.

In terms of Kigali airport, the RPF was, and still is, committed to the principle of the neutrality of the airport. In view of the fact that the Rwandese Government Forces' have refused to vacate the airport, the RPF will give serious consideration to the issue of access to the airport.

The RPF will neither accept nor be bound by any Security Council resolution voted for by representatives of the so-called Interim Government.

Finally, while welcoming the Council's belated decision to come to the rescue of innocent Rwandans, the RPF will neither welcome nor cooperate with any United Nations mission until the withdrawal of the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative for Rwanda, Jean Roger Booh-Booh. This is a matter that is urgent and serious and it should be no surprise as the Secretary-General has been advised before.



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