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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, PHUM, RW

SUBJECT: NON-RECOGNITION OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA

1. (U) SUMMARY/ACTION REQUEST. THE U S. DOES NOT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: HARMON E KIRBY
DATE/CASE ID: 03 MAY 2007 200103014

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RECOGNIZE ANY GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA. DEPARTMENT IS REDUCING RELATIONS WITH RWANDA TO THE LOWEST LEVEL CONSISTENT WITH MAINTENANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. POSTS ARE REQUESTED, AT THEIR DISCRETION, TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS. END SUMMARY/ACTION REQUEST.

2. (U) ON JULY 15, THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THAT WE HAVE SHUT DOWN THE EMBASSY OF RWANDA AND ORDERED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SO-CALLED INTERIM GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA TO DEPART WITHIN FIVE WORKING DAYS. AS THE PRESIDENT STATED, WE CANNOT ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES OF A REGIME THAT SUPPORTS GENOCIDAL MASSACRE TO REMAIN ON OUR SOIL. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ANY GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA AT THIS TIME.

3. (U) THE STATEMENT CALLED ON ALL FORCES TO AGREE TO AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE, AND TO BEGIN SERIOUS TALKS ON FORMING A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT THAT WILL LEAD TO GENUINE POWER-SHARING. FULL TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT IS

REPEATED BELOW.

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4. (U) THE DEPARTMENT CONVOKED THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. JULY 14 AND INFORMED HIM THAT THE USG HAD DECIDED TO REQUIRE CESSATION OF RWANDA'S DIPLOMATIC OPERATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS PERSONNEL. THE UNITED STATES IS NOT/NOT BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH RWANDA, BUT WE ARE REDUCING RELATIONS TO THE LOWEST LEVEL CONSISTENT WITH MAINTENANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES. THE U.S. MAINTAINS ITS REGARD FOR THE PEOPLE OF RWANDA AND DESIRES TO LEAVE OPEN THE POTENTIAL TO RESUME FULL DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE WITH RWANDA AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IN THE FUTURE.

5. (U) BEFORE DEPARTURE, ALL DOCUMENTATION ISSUED TO RWANDAN DIPLOMATS AND STAFF BY THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OR THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL MUST BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION, PASSPORTS MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR CANCELLATION OF DIPLOMATIC VISAS.

6. (U) POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE HOST GOVERNMENT AND RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ANY GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA AT PRESENT AND THAT THE USG HAS DECIDED TO REQUIRE CESSATION

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OF RWANDA'S DIPLOMATIC OPERATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND THE DEPARTURE OF ITS PERSONNEL.

7. (U) SINCE THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ANY GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA, U.S. DIPLOMATS ABROAD SHOULD HAVE NO OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH RWANDAN DIPLOMATS POSTED TO THEIR CAPITALS. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, CONSULAR SECTIONS SHOULD NOT/NOT ISSUE DIPLOMATIC "A" VISAS TO RWANDANS INTENDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES.

8. (LOU) FOR USUN: DEPARTMENT HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT RWANDAN DIPLOMATS AND STAFF IN WASHINGTON WILL ATTEMPT TO AVOID LEAVING THE U.S. BY TRANSFERRING TO THE RWANDAN MISSION IN NEW YORK. IN ANY CASE, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A RWANDAN GOVERNMENT WHICH COULD REQUEST ACCREDITATION FROM THE UN. WE DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY AS HOST COUNTRY TO THE UN TO TAKE UNILATERAL STEPS ALONG THE SAME LINES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 4 WITH REGARD TO THE RWANDAN MISSION TO THE UN. NONETHELESS, WE AND OTHER UNSC MEMBERS NEED TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN WITHIN THE UN CONTEXT. SEPTTEL TO USUN WILL ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

9. (LOU) ANY REQUESTS BY RWANDAN STAFF TO APPLY FOR ASYLUM OR OTHER NON-DIPLOMATIC STATUS WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. WE ARE NOT ADVERTISING TO THE RWANDANS THAT THESE OPTIONS ARE OPEN, BUT BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF THEM.

10. TEXT OF WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT:

IN AN EFFORT TO BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING AND GROWING HUMANITARIAN DISASTER IN RWANDA, THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS CLOSED THE EMBASSY OF RWANDA AND ORDERED ALL PERSONNEL TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SO-CALLED INTERIM GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA MUST DEPART WITHIN FIVE WORKING DAYS.

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THE WHITE HOUSE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO REMOVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT FROM RWANDA'S SEAT ON THE COUNCIL. THE STATE DEPARTMENT DECLARED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT WILL BE DENIED ACCESS TO ANY RWANDAN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS IN THE UNITED STATES.

"THE UNITED STATES CANNOT ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES OF A REGIME THAT SUPPORTS GENOCIDAL MASSACRE TO REMAIN ON OUR SOIL," PRESIDENT CLINTON SAID.

NOTING THAT THE ONGOING FIGHTING IS CREATING AN EVEN MORE PERILOUS HUMANITARIAN DISASTER IN RWANDA AND ALONG ITS BORDERS, THE WHITE HOUSE APPEALED TO ALL FORCES TO AGREE TO AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE. IT CALLED ON ALL RESPONSIBLE PARTIES TO BEGIN SERIOUS TALKS ON FORMING A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT THAT WILL LEAD TO GENUINE POWER SHARING.

THE WHITE HOUSE APPLAUDED THE FRENCH EFFORT TO PROTECT RWANDANS AT RISK, AND SAID THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE (UNAMIR) TO REPLACE THE FRENCH. IT APPEALED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS TO DEPLOY THOSE U.N. FORCES.

THE WHITE HOUSE AGAIN INSISTED THAT THOSE RWANDANS RESPONSIBLE FOR GENOCIDAL KILLINGS AND OTHER CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. IT SAID IT HOPED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD ACT SWIFTLY -- UNDER THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION THAT ESTABLISHED A U.N
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COMMISSION OF EXPERTS -- TO CREATE A WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL.

AS THE CRISIS IN RWANDA HAS UNFOLDED, THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN A LEADING ROLE IN EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE RWANDAN PEOPLE AND ENSURE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. IT HAS:

-- PROVIDED MORE THAN DOLLARS 95 MILLION IN RELIEF, INCLUDING FOOD, MEDICINE AND SUPPLIES FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE RELIEF AGENCIES.

-- FLOWN ABOUT 100 DEFENSE DEPARTMENT MISSIONS INTO THE

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REGION TO AIRLIFT RELIEF SUPPLIES.

-- STRONGLY SUPPORTED AN EXPANDED UNAMIR; AIRLIFTED 50 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS TO KAMPALA TO SUPPORT THE UN PEACEKEEPERS; AND COMMITTED TO EQUIPPING THE U.N.'S GHANAIAI PEACEKEEPING BATTALION.

11. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER

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