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2. SUMMARY: THE SC IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS MARCH 9
STONEWALLED THE LATEST FRENCH DRAFT RESOLUTION
REQUESTING THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON ESTABLISHING A
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN RWANDA. U/SYG JONAH ELABORATED
THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOR AND THE RWANDESE
PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF), AND DECLINED TO MAKE ANY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SC ACTION BEFORE THE RETURN OF THE

GOODWILL MISSION FROM THE REGION. END SUMMARY.

3. U/SYG JAMES JONAH GAVE THE COUNCIL A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE GOODWILL MISSION TO RWANDA'S FINDINGS. HE INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE GOR ENVISAGED AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE UNDER UN COMMAND, WHILE THE RPF PREFERRED AN EXPANDED OAU NEUTRAL MONITORING GROUP (NMOG) IN THE BUFFER ZONE. THE GOR WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE OAU REDUCED TO PARTICIPATING IN THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE CEASEFIRE. THE RPF UNDERLINED TO THE GOODWILL MISSION THAT THEY HAD NO INTENTIONS OF TAKING KIGALI MILITARILY. THE RPF'S COMMITMENT TO PULL BACK TO ITS FEBRUARY 8 POSITIONS WAS CONDITIONAL ON A NEUTRAL FORCE MONITORING THE BUFFER ZONE. THE RPF TOLD THE GOODWILL MISSION THAT THE UN SHOULD ONLY TAKE PART IN THIS NEUTRAL FORCE IF THE OAU REQUESTS THEIR PARTICIPATION.

4. THE GOODWILL MISSION, ACCORDING TO JONAH, WITNESSED HARASSMENT OF THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION. THEY FOUND THE

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SITUATION ON THE BORDER TO BE CALM. MANY DISPLACED WERE LOCATED IN CAMPS CLOSE TO KIGALI, POSING A DANGER OF SPILLING INTO THE CAPITAL AND EXACERBATING AN ALREADY TENSE SITUATION. JONAH REPORTED THAT THE SYG INTENDS TO HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OAU AND TANZANIA. THE SYG PROMISED OAU SYG SALIM SALIM, WHEN SALIM VISITED NEW YORK RECENTLY, TO WORK OUT A COMMON POSITION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OAU. LATER IN THE CONSULTATION, JONAH REITERATED THAT THE PARTIES WERE NOT IN AGREEMENT ON THE UN AND OAU ROLES, BUT THAT THE SYG, IN GENERAL, SUPPORTS REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. THE GOODWILL MISSION WILL MEET WITH RPF LEADERSHIP IN ARUSHA THIS WEEKEND. THE SYG WILL NOT REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AGAIN UNTIL THE MISSION RETURNS.

5. FRANCE THEN COMMENTED ON ITS DRAFT RESOLUTION (FAXED TO DEPT), NOTING THAT IT WAS AMENDED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PROGRESS MADE AT DAR ES SALAAM. THEY CLAIMED THE NEW DRAFT DOES NOT PREJUDGE THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT LOOKS AT WHAT COULD BE DONE TO ESTABLISH A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE TO ACT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OAU. FRANCE SPECIFIED THAT THE FORCE WOULD BE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CHARTER -- NAMELY, THAT THE AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES WAS NEEDED.

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COOPERATION WITH THE OAU WAS MENTIONED IN BOTH THE PREAMBULAR AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS. THE CLEAR SIGNAL FRANCE HOPES THE SC WILL SEND WITH THIS RESOLUTION IS AN EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

6. FRANCE STRESSED THAT ITS FORCES, CONTRARY TO RUMOR, WERE IN RWANDA SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE
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FRENCH COMMUNITY. THE DEPUTY PERMREP DISAVOWED ANY INTEREST IN VOLUNTEERING FRENCH TROOPS TO BECOME PEACEKEEPERS, ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO A PEACEKEEPING OPERATION IF THEY WERE ASKED. THE RISK OF AN EXPLOSION IN RWANDA WHICH WOULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WHOLE REGION MADE IT NECESSARY TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. ONLY AFTER A LONG, STONY SILENCE, INDICATIVE OF A RELUCTANCE TO CONSIDER THE FRENCH DRAFT, DID ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CO
UNCIL TAKE THE FLOOR. THE UK POSED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE OAU, AND WHAT THE UN MIGHT DO TO ASSIST THE OAU'S EFFORTS. UK PERMREP HANNAY CAUTIONED THAT THE SC MUST REINFORCE, NOT UNDERCUT THE DAR ES SALAAM AGREEMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RPF LETTER TO THE SYG INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT WELCOME THE INTERVENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. SPAIN VOICED SUPPORT FOR THE OAU, AND REMARKED THAT THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE TREATED IN THE SECRETARIAT'S REPORT. CAPE VERDE NOTED THE NEED TO

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DETERMINE WHAT COMPROMISE, IF ANY, COULD BE REACHED ON
THE FRENCH RESOLUTION. US DEPUTY PERMREP WALKER
REAFFIRMED THE NEED TO SUPPORT OAU EFFORTS, AND TO WAIT
FOR THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS. RUSSIA ALSO CHIMED IN
WITH SUPPORT FOR THE OAU.

8. THE COUNCIL WILL REVISIT THE RWANDA QUESTION
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AFTER CAPE VERDE HAS HAD A CHANCE
TO SPEAK WITH THE OAU. USUN DOES NOT EXPECT THE COUNCIL
WILL BE ANY MORE ENTHUSIASTIC AT THAT TIME THAN IT WAS
TODAY ABOUT ADOPTING THE FRENCH RESOLUTION.

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