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SUBJECT: RWANDA: SYG REPORT ON UNAMIR

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REF: A) USUN 1275, B) USUN 1409

1. (U) SUMMARY: THE SYG'S PROGRESS REPORT ON UNAMIR (REF A) DATED 9 APRIL (2/1995/297) WAS CIRCULATED 17 APRIL. THE REPORT URGES THE GOR TO FOSTER A CLIMATE AND TRUST AND CONFIDENCE, POINTS OUT THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION, ASKS NEIGHBORING GOVERNMENTS TO PREVENT THE USE OF THEIR TERRITORY FOR INCURSIONS INTO RWANDA, URGES DONORS TO ACCELERATE AID, AND MENTIONS THAT THE MANDATE AND ROLE OF UNAMIR AFTER 9 JUNE SHOULD BE REVIEWED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SYG.S NEXT REPORT. THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE UP THE REPORT WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. RWANDAN AMB. BAKURAMUTSA TNDICATED TO USUN THAT THE GOR WAS DISSATISFIED WITH UNAMIR AND THAT THEY COULD RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT A PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. END SUMMARY.

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2. (U) THE SYG.S REPORT OF 9 APRIL (COMPLETE TEXT FAXED TO IO AND AF) COVERED THE POLITICAL SITUATION, LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS, THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL, MILITARY ASPECTS, CIVILIAN POLICE, HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS, AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF UNAMIR AND THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. THE OVERALL SITUATION IN RWANDA HAS IMPROVED SINCE THE NEW GOR TOOK OFFICE, WITH MARKETS, SHOPS, SCHOOLS AND AGRICULTURE REAPPEARING. DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS, TENSIONS AND FRUSTRATIONS HAVE LED TO A CONFIDENTIAL

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 DETERIORATION IN THE SECURITY SITUATION. THE PREFECT OF
 BUTARE WAS MURDERED 4 MARCH, ARMED SABOTEURS HAVE
 ENTERED RWANDA, AND DETENTIONS BY THE GOR ARE RISING.
 THE FAR IS TRAINING AND REARMING. THE RPA HAS STEPPED
 UP BORDER PATROLS AND TIGHTENED SECURITY. UN VEHICLES
 HAVE BEEN STOPPED AND SEARCHED.
- 3. (U) RADIO UNAMIR BROADCASTS IN THREE LANGUAGES SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. SRSG KHAN PROTESTED RADIO RWANDA UROADCASTS OF ANTI-UNAMIR ALLEGATIONS, AFTER WHICH RADIO

RWANDA REVERTED TO MORE BALANCED BROADCASTS. PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU AND VP KAGAME REAFFIRMED GOR SUPPORT FOR UNAMIR, BUT NOTED THE PERCEPTION THAT THE GOR COULD NOT EXERCISE COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY WITH A LARGE UNAMIR MTLITARY PRESENCE IN RWANDA. BOTH SAID THAT, AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, UNAMIR'S MANDATE AND POSSIBLE PHASE-OUT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED.

- 4. (U) THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD OPERATION HAS 113 STAFF IN 11 FIELD OFFICES. ANOTHER 28 HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICERS FROM THE EU, AS WELL AS MORE UN VOLUNTEERS, WILL BE DEPLOYED 19 APRIL. THE GOR AND SECURITY FORCES ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW CORRECT PROCEDURES, BUT SOME ARRESTS ARE ARBITRARY. APPROXIMATELY 27,000 PRISONERS ARE BEING DETAINED. UNHCHR AYALA-LASSO APPEALED FOR FUNDS TO ASSIST RWANDA'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND RECRUIT MORE HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS-
- 5. (U) A TEAM FROM THE UN AND TRIBUNAL WILL VISIT TANZANIA TO SECURE PREMISES FOR THE SEAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL. THE SYG ASKED STATES TO NOMINATE JUDGES BY 7 APRIL. THE DEPUTY PROSECUTOR, MR. CONFIDENTIAL

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6. (U) UNAMIR'S STRENGH, AS OF 1 APRIL, WAS 5,529 TROOPS AND 297 MILOBS. ON 15 FEBRUARY THE TUNISIAN BATTALION HQ WAS HIT BY GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. ON 16 FEBRUARY EIGHT MEMBERS OF A UNAMIR PATROL WERE INJURED BY A LAND-MINE. ON 5 MARCH, THREE GRENADES WERE THROWN AT THE NIGERIAN GUARDPOST IN BYUMBA, INJURING TWO SOLDIERS. THE GOR EXPRESSED REGRED FOR THESE ATTACKS, CALLING THEM ISOLATED ACTS. RELATIONS BETWEEN UNAMIR AND THE RPA ARE STRAINED. RPA HAS RESTRICTED UNAMIR MOVEMENTS AND DENIED IT ACCESS TO CERTAIN AREAS. TROOP ROTATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD UP AND UNAMIR PERSONNEL DENIED ENTRY TO KIGALI AIRPORT, IN VIOLATION OF THE STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT (SOFA). THE SOFA WAS SIGNED BY THE PREVIOUS GOR, AND THE PRESENT GOR HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO THE UN'S LETTER SUPPLEMENTING THAT SOFA AFTER THE

REVISION OF UNAMIR'S MANDATE IN MAY 1994 AND THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IN KIGALI IN JULY 1994. THE GOR HAS NOT RESPONDED TO UN OFFERS TO ASSIST IN MINE-CLEARANCE.

7. (U) UNAMIR EXPECTS TO COMPLETE TRAINING OF 300 GENDARMES AND 20 INSTRUCTIONS BY THE END OF APRIL. THE

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GOR ASKED UNAMIR TO TRAIN ANOTHER 400 GENDARMES BEFORE BEGINNING A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR 100 INSTRUCTORS. THE REPORT POINTS OUT THE URGENT NEED FOR MORE FRENCH-SPEAKING CIVPOLS. ONLY 58 CIVPOLS ARE CURRENTLY DEPLOYED OF THE 120 AUTHORIZED. THEY ARE FROM DJIBOUTI (7), GERMANY (9), GHANA (10), GUINEA-BISSAU (8), MALI (10), NIGERIA (10) AND ZAMBIA (4).

8. (U) THE RWANDA TRUST FUND TOTALLED USD 4.8 MILLION, MOSTLY FOR SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL SYSTEM. SMALL PORTION OF PLEDGES TO THE UNDP ROUND-TABLE HAVE BEEN CONVERTED INTO ACTUAL DISBURSEMENTS. THE JANUARY 1995 HARVEST WAS SMALLER THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. JUSTICE MINISTRY AGREED TO MOVE 400 CHILD PRISONERS (BETWEEN THE AGES OF 11 AND 17) TO A SEPARATE LOCATION FOR CHILDREN ONLY. THE DEFMIN WILL DEMOBILIZE 4,000 CHILD SOLDIERS. VACCINATION CENTERS AND NUTRIONAL CENTERS ARE OPENING. EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLCHILDREN AND TEACHERS. SIX IDP CAMPS WERE CLOSED AND 40,000 PEOPLE RESETTLED. MORE THAN 200,000 IDPS REMAIN. REFUGEE RETURNS ARE DOWN. MOST OF THE 60,000 REFUGEES WHO RETURNED DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY WERE FROM THE 1959 CASELOAD. OVER 600,000 FIFTY-NINERS HAVE RETURNED. THEY NEED EDUCATION, HOUSING AND JOB TRAINING. GRAZING AREAS AND WATER ARE INSUFFICIENT FOR THE 500,000 CATTLE THEY BROUGHT WITH THEM.

9. (U) THE SYG URGED THE GOR TO MAKE MORE DETERMINED CONFIDENTIAL

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RWANDAN AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATIONS

10. (C) RWANDAN AMBASSADOR BAKURAMUTSA CONTACTED USUN DEPUTY PERMREP GNEHM APRIL 14 TO REITERATE HIS GOVERNMENT'S DISSATISFACTION WITH UNAMIR AND THE NEED TO REEXAMINE UNAMIR'S MANDATE. BAKURAMUTSA ALSO CLARIFIED THE GOR'S POSITION ON THE ARMS EMBARGO (REF B) APRIL 17. HE SAID THE GOR WOULD NOT ASK FOR A PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, BUT WOULD ACCEPT PARTIAL ACTION AS "BETTER THAN NOTHING" IF TOTAL LIFTING PROVED IMPOSSIBLE.

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