

Other matters:

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b) The assassination of Presidents of Rwanda and Burundi

On this point, Amb. Gharekhan informed about the air crash which occurred in Kigali, Rwanda's capital. In consequence of this tragedy the presidents of Rwanda and of Burundi who were on board lost their lives. Gharekhan drew attention to the possible negative impact of this event on resolving the conflict in the region (on Rwanda and Burundi territories). The Ambs of France and Rwanda specified that according to agencies this was not a tragic misfortune but an assassination. The plane was allegedly taken down by a guided missile as it was landing. He therefore requested information from the SG and from the SRSG. In the course of informal consultations, the SC President expressed condolences of all members to the Rwanda Amb. It was decided to honor the memory of both presidents also in the course of the formal session.