

Reviewing the situation in Rwanda after the tragic death of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi was the key point of today's informals. France presented a draft PRST. Amb Gharekhan presented supplementary information, mentioning that the situation in Burundi is calm and relatively stable. The authority of the president has been assumed by the speaker of the National Assembly which assured governmental continuity.

In Rwanda, the situation is tragic. A number of armed clashes and killings are taking place. The situation is all the less transparent because members of the designated Transitional Government, composed of representatives of parties of the broad political spectrum, exist side by side with the current government. The Presidential Guard which is subordinated exclusively to the President have started eliminating members of the transitional government. According to unconfirmed information, the premier of the transitional government and certain of its members have been executed.

The wave of violence has not spared UNAMIR. According to unconfirmed reports, the Presidential Guard has blamed Belgian UNAMIR members for shooting down the presidential plane outside Kigali. At least 10 Belgian soldiers have been killed and others kidnapped. UN units are under sporadic fire of the belligerent parties. Civilians working for the UN have not been spared violence either. Complete anarchy has gripped the country. There is no force that could ensure the operation of state power and restore order.

It is particularly disquieting that RPF units in demilitarized zones and in separate areas under UNAMIR supervision have started moving toward Kigali.

After Amb. Gharekhan's information, the NAM caucus requested "time out" to consider the draft PRST and to suggest some changes.

In the event, the adopted PRST reflects especially the view of France and the NAM.