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Debating the SG's report and the subsequent [draft] resolution hit some roadblocks. The NAM group, on the one hand, insisted that UNAMIR units not only stay in the country but should in fact be strengthened. On the other hand the US would best pull out UNAMIR completely. The constant uncertainty is apparently driving our soldiers crazy.

After intensive negotiations a compromise was finally reached. Most of UNAMIR will be rapidly withdrawn from Rwanda (600 soldiers are to be evacuated by air as soon as April 22). At the same time, its mandate will be adapted. The core of UNAMIR will stay in Kigali, some 270 people, around the SRSG. They will also try to contribute to a ceasefire and to restoring humanitarian assistance, and they will also monitor the situation in the country, including the safety of the civilian population which in recent days has sought refuge under the protection of the blue helmets. The UN civilian personnel will be protected by a UNAMIR unit.