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During informal consultations, the SC completed its draft resolution on Rwanda which was subsequently adopted as Res. 925.

Today's informals completed the consideration of a draft resolution on Rwanda. At times the deliberation resembled a ping-pong match between New Zealand (which intends to send its units to Rwanda, under UNAMIR, and therefore insisted on having its mandate and its tasks worked out in detail) and the US which was traditionally in favor of vague formulations with the intention of leaving the Secretariat with a free hand in running the operation. The entire draft was successfully "pushed through" to the formal session where it was adopted unanimously as res. 925 (1994). All delegations spoke, including, surprisingly, even Rwanda's representative. Without batting an eye he denounced the massive killings of the civilian population committed under the eye of the "provisional government" which, one would have thought, he represents in the UN. (He apparently promised the French Amb that he would not speak. Referring to this promise, the SC President refused to allow the RPF representative to speak.)

The delegations of NZ, Spain and to a certain extent the UK denounced the genocide in Rwanda. Other speeches were rather vague.

The Czech Ambassador delivered an energetic speech which traditionally stirred the still waters.