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The FR Amb. introduced a new, only slightly modified draft resolution on sending a multinational force to Rwanda. He mentioned that Senegal would be joining France and expressed his hope that some European countries might join as well. He emphasized that his Govt is expecting a go-ahead from the SC.

Even before the informals, the French Amb told the press that he would strive for having the resolution adopted already on Tuesday 21 June.

An SG's letter of 19 June on the situation in Rwanda was distributed during informals.

The subsequent discussion, however, indicated that the SC "does not intend" to move terribly fast on the draft. In particular NZ, SP, BR, China, Arg and Nig declared that so far they have no instructions. Pakistan on behalf of the NAM said that NAM countries will be seeking instructions only after having consulted among themselves (this planned for 20 June pm). NZ, Br and China already, nevertheless, expressed their comments on the entire philosophy of the French draft. NZ actually underscored that if France has the material and human resources to immediately send several thousand troops, it should logically include them in UNAMIR. Nigeria was also critical.

The French position was openly supported by Russia, the US, Djibouti and CZ. Even these countries, however, emphasized that the intended operation has to have a clear mandate, limited duration, must not go beyond the framework of humanitarian objectives and must be coordinated with UNAMIR. Russia, however, practically conditioned its agreement by the Rwandan parties agreeing with the dispatch of soldiers. China voiced a similar demand.

Spain mentioned that consultations on the French proposal are under way within the EU. The EU has already approved the following principles:

- The difficult humanitarian situation in Rwanda requires an immediate reaction,
- Any action in this respect must take place under the auspices and within the framework of the UN,
- In this context the participation of some EU members is being considered
- This will be an urgent but time-limited operation.

The RPF position on the French initiative is attached [in the original].

After informals, the Fr delegation invited SP, Russia and CZ to work on the text further. The result of our efforts is attached. The inclusion of new preambular paras E and partially G is positive. The draft was sent out this evening in this form to other SC members. It will be considered on Tuesday 21 June.

Note: Inasmuch that we cannot exclude an early formal session which will adopt the French draft, we request HQ to prepare a brief statement (in English) for this session (hard to gauge its exact timing).