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On Arg's request, the Fr Amb briefly informed about the MF operation. Apparently 2500 French soldiers have been mobilized. 500 of them are operating near Rwanda's border. Only a small number are operating within Rwanda. The objective of the operation is supposed to be:

- Create safe conditions for the operation of humanitarian organizations
- Develop a sense of trust by its presence
- If necessary, take necessary military measures.

Iqbal Riza, SG's assistant for PKOs added that working contacts have already been established between the UNAMIR Command and the French soldiers. He stressed that an ever more troubling factor are the intensifying attacks of the Govt radio station against UNAMIR. This comment provoked the Arg and Sp Ambs to sharply intervene with the Amb of Rwanda, reminding him that his Govt is responsible for the security of UN forces. The SC President then spoke in the same vein to the press.