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SECURITY COUNCIL: RWANDA

Your C04649 and fax 2826.

Instruction

2 After long and intensive consideration, Ministers have decided that you should abstain on the resolution as long as at least three other Council members also abstain. You should make a short EOV (see below).

3 The Minister would like Keating to telephone him before the vote, irrespective of the time here. The Minister's home telephone number is 0064-4-4995955.

4 You should know that in the circumstances we have told the Quai d'Orsay (through Beeby) and the French Ambassador here this evening that no final decision has been taken but that the balance of Ministers' opinion is inclining towards an abstention.

EOV

5 You should make a brief EOV to include the following elements and those of the draft press statement (see separate fax):

- acknowledge good motivation behind France's proposal;

- share concern to protect civilian population and see an end to the killing;

- New Zealand's own efforts in the Council over the past two months to promote rapid deployment of UN forces, with enforcement authority are a matter of record;

- our reservations relate to the impact on UNAMIR, dilution of efforts to accelerate UNAMIR deployment and future ability of the UN and humanitarian organisations to operate in Rwanda.

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