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







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SUBJECT: UNAMIR TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MEETING

1. The subject meeting took place yesterday morning just as the same UN Mission was being considered in the SC. The Meeting was Chaired by USG Annan with ASG Riza and Maj Gen Baril in attendance.
2. Annan opened the meeting and immediately asked the French delegate to give an update on the situation with respect to the French Operation TURQUOISE. This update was delivered by the French MILAD. Very little detail can be added to our C04715/NYK other than the following points:
 - a. There are some 400,000 refugees in the 'French zone'. The situation of these refugees was very bad. France had already airlifted some 400 tonnes of food in order to assist refugees but it was not enough and more was needed.
 - b. The RGF located inside the 'zone' had been 'told' to refrain from all military activities. Only food and water was being allowed to be brought into the zone for their resupply.
 - c. There had been no 'massacres' inside the zone since the presence of French troops. It was strongly emphasized that France was neutral and was taking no sides.

- d. The situation in Rwanda, as a whole, was now stable. It was hoped that a general ceasefire would be achieved soon.
 - e. It was emphasized on four occasions, that the mandate given to France by the SC was for two months. At the end of August 1994, there would be no French troops in Rwanda. Even with the end date of the end of August, France wanted to be replaced by an expanded UNAMIR ASAP. France would commence its withdrawal at the end of July. A strong appeal was made to 'all member states' to facilitate this.
 - f. A map was distributed (attached) which showed the main dispositions of the parties in Rwanda. The RPF held some two thirds of the country and the RGF was now limited to the NW of the country, other than those inside the 'French zone'.
3. General Baril then reviewed the commitments of various nations to an expanded UNAMIR. Little new was disclosed other than the deployment timings for some nations which have already been reported in our C04715/NYK. Baril did make the point, however, that offers by nations (conditional) still were not compatible with requests placed by the UN in order to meet those offers. There was a clear need for both parties to compromise.
4. After Baril had spoken, some nations chose to elaborate upon their commitments, either spoken about at the last UNAMIR troop contributors meetings, or spoken about at this meeting by Baril.
5. Of note to a possible New Zealand contribution of a C130, were the comments by the Italian delegate and by Annan. The commitment by the Italian government would be realized very shortly. The Italian C130 was on seven days notice to move and was 'only' waiting for the UN to call it forward. This C130 would be based in Nairobi. Annan stated that Kigali airport was expected to be 'opened' today (7 Jul 94) and he asked that nations who had placed caveats on flying into Kigali previously (Netherlands [F27] and Italy? [C130]) might remove these caveats. The situation in Kigali was now quite different and UNAMIR was depending on nations who were supplying aircraft to fly in troops and equipment rather than force UNAMIR to bring in the same by the very much longer, and uncertain, land route.
6. In closing, it was notable that the number of attendees at the Meeting was approximately 50% fewer than the meeting last week.

RWANDA

-  Capitale d'Etat (p. us de 150.000 hab.)
-  Plus de 10.000 hab.
-  Ville importante
-  Autre localité et lieu
-  Route de viabilité permanente
-  Autre route
-  Piste
-  Aéroport
-  Ligne de préfecture
-  Chef-lieu de préfecture
-  Parc National
-  N.évans

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