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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL : RWANDA

Our accompanying cable refers.

Attached is a legal opinion, provided by the UN Legal Office, on whether the Council may meet in the absence of one of its members.

2 Also attached is the list of the new Government of Rwanda.

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Note to the Secretary-General

You have asked for my opinion on the question of whether the Security Council may legally meet in the absence of a representative of one of its members. The question whether the Council may legally function with less than the statutorily required number of members has arisen on at least three occasions; the absence of the Soviet Union from the Security Council in 1950 during the Korean crisis; the continued functioning of the Council with 11 rather than 15 members for a period of 4 months in 1966 which was the period between the entry into force of the amendment to the composition of the Council and the election of new members; and the continued functioning of the Security Council in 1980 for a period of weeks which was occasioned by the inability of the General Assembly to conclude its voting on one of the non-Permanent Members until after the end of the calendar year in which the term of office of the old members expired.

In practice the Council may, clearly, therefore, continue to function notwithstanding the fact that one of the members is absent. It goes without saying that decisions of the Security Council would, nevertheless, have to be taken in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter.

19 July 1994

Ralph Zacklin



THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA

President: PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU (RPF) <sup>3/4</sup>

Via President

Min. of Defense: Paul KAGAME (RPF)

Prime Minister: FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU. (MDR)

Vice Prime Minister

Min. of Public Service: Col: ALEXIS KANYARONGWE (RPF)

Minister of ~~Foreign~~

Foreign Affairs: JEAN MARIE VIANNAY (MDR)  
NDAGIJIMANA.

Minister of Interior: Seth ~~Sendashonga~~ SENDASHONGA. RPF.

Minister of Justice: ALPHONSE NKUBITO (PL)

Minister of Primary Education: Pierre CLAVER RWIGEMA.

Minister of Superior Education & UNIVERSITY: Dr. Joseph NSENGIMANA.

Minister of Finance: Marc RUGENERA (PSD)

Minister of Industry: Prosper HIGIRO (PL)

Minister of Health: Col. Dr. Joseph KALEMER, (RPF)

Minister of Transport & Telecommunication: Mrs. Imaculée KAYUMBA. (RPF)

Minister of Social Affairs: P. Mugabo.

Minister of Environment &

Tourism: JEAN NEPOMUCENE

NAYINZIRA  
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Minister of Public

Works: Charles NTAKIRUTINKA.

Minister of Women

Affairs: Ms. ALOYISIA INYUMBA.  
(RPF)

Minister of Youth &

Sports: PATRICK MAZIMHAKA.  
(RPF)

Minister of REHABILITATION:

Dr. Jacques BIHOZAGARA.  
(RPF)