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**Subject**

U05199: SECURITY COUNCIL: RWANDA

**Summary**

British are also concerned as to how French initiative will tie back into UNAMIR and UN resolutions. But they will not knock it "for political reasons". They will not contribute troops, but could provide some logistical back up. They hope French proposals will be clearer after today's WEU meeting. They do not expect decisions on action to come out of that meeting.

**Action required**

For information only.

**Report**

Your U52093, New York's C04628 and Paris' C01931.

We touched base today on Rwanda today with the FCO (Holmes and Clarke, respectively Assistant Heads of African (Equatorial) Dept and UN Dept). They confirmed that French had made a specific approach to them (Juppe to Hurd) for support, but British have reserved their position, having yet to see any firm proposals. In fact, they described French initiative as "vague". They hope the situation will be clearer after this afternoon's WEU meeting. Their representative to the meeting has largely a "listening brief", but will make it clear the UK will not be providing

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any troops. It is possible they might provide logistical support. (UK was asked by UN to provide 50 APCs, but has instead offered 50 trucks). British will not knock the French proposal "for political reasons" (ie sake of the relationship). They also understand that "some" are frustrated with the length of time it is taking to get the expanded UNAMIR in place. (Holmes suggested that the French may be hoping to bridge the gap before UNAMIR is up to strength). But like us, they are concerned as to how the French initiative will tie back in with UNAMIR and UN resolutions. They have heard French suggestion of drawing down on UNOSOM troops, but are not clear how this would work or be of benefit.

2 Holmes said he understood the French had said they would not go in with storming paratroopers, but Clarke acknowledged the problems inherent in going in without the consent of the parties. British are not expecting a decision to come out of the WEU today on the French initiative, despite the French concern not to delay. Our interlocutors offered to brief us on the meeting on Monday. We will report further then.

End Message