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Subject

SECURITY COUNCIL: RWANDA

At informals today, US and France tabled a compromised joint draft resolution to renew UNAMIRs mandate. The draft proposed a 3 month renewal period (to 30 June 1994) together with a review of the situation in Rwanda to be undertaken by the Council "within the next six weeks". This reflected something of an accommodation between the French desire for a 6 month renewal and a strong US preference to see a short renewal (for only 2 months) coupled with a strong message to the parties to get on with the process of implementing the Arusha Peace Agreement.

2 At informals this afternoon, the NAM (being coordinated by Nigeria for April) made it clear that they opposed the 3 month renewal proposed given that UNAMIR had been so successful, ie the ceasefire agreement had held. They also expressed a strong desire to see a reference in the text to the recommendation in para 38 of the Sec Gen's report for the deployment of an additional 45 civilian police monitors.

3 We indicated a general dislike of artificially short mandates for the purpose of sending political signals.

4 After informals broke to allow time for the NAM to caucus, they returned to make a proposal that the mandate be renewed for 6 months but with pressure being applied to the parties by way of the Council agreeing to undertake an earlier review of the situation/progress. Various drafting proposals were put forward and it was decided to refer the US/French text to a working group.

5 In the event, the working group agreed on a renewal period of 4 months coupled with the insertion of a reference to the proposal relating to the additional 45 police monitors. The review period was retained at "within 6 weeks". Copy of draft resolution by fax (Wgtn only), which is being issued as a Presidential Text in blue tonight.

6 The text is agreed ad referendum only, the US emphasised during the working group that it could not guarantee acceptance by Washington.

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