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Subject

SECURITY COUNCIL: TROOP CONTRIBUTING MEETING: RWANDA

## Summary

- Troop contributing countries very grateful for further opportunity to meet on UNAMIR
- Need for political guidance from Council as to mandate of UNAMIR
- Primary question for Council should be are there useful functions for UNAMIR in Rwanda? This needs to be established urgently
- Africans insist on linkage with Bosnia and indicate that UN should do no less for Kigali than it is trying to do for Gorazde.

## Action

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## Report

2 We convened a further meeting of all the UNAMIR troop contributing countries in order to provide them with feedback on the Council's recent discussion of the situation in Rwanda as it relates to UNAMIR. All were very grateful for the opportunity to be heard and to be briefed on developments. In a welcome initiative from the secretariat troop contributors are also receiving daily briefings from DPKO.

3 A range of views amongst troop contributors was put forward. There was an impassioned plea from Ghana (and a similar view expressed by Tunisia and Senegal) for the UN not to abandon Rwanda and not to value "the blood of some" more highly than that of others in the context of noting that the

UN and NATO were particularly active on the question of Bosnia right now. Ghana noted that they had participated in many PKOs and had not done so because they anticipated it would "be rosy". They emphasised their commitment to stay on with UNAMIR despite any difficulties noting that at the first sign of no ceasefire the UN should not withdraw.

4 Canada announced that they were in fact putting additional people into UNAMIR. Five personnel had arrived early this week and a further 5 would be arriving in the next week or so. They also have 2 aircraft assisting with resupply and evacuation efforts. The Canadian position is that UNAMIR should be maintained "as long as it has a useful function" though they recognised the need to establish a realistic mandate for the force.

For their part they will "support whatever size makes sense".

5 Others including Uruguay expressed disquiet with what seemed to be a deteriorating situation in Rwanda. Togo was concerned about lack of adequate resources in light of Belge withdrawal. Bangladesh noted that they were not comfortable with a situation where the only meaningful role for the force was to defend itself against attack. They would also like to see protective equipment flown in.

6 For Bangladesh the question is can UNAMIR play a meaningful role in Rwanda? Given that their prevailing concern is for the safety of their troops the priority was for the parties to agree to a cease-fire. In the event that one was not forthcoming, relocation of UNAMIR to a neighbouring area was an option in Bangladesh's mind. They gave a strong indication that although they are willing to stay for the time being, "if 10 or 12 Bangladeshi troops were killed" there would be a "radically different approach" on the part of Bangladesh.

7 The President noted in conclusion the range of views and drew attention to the central question for the Council which was whether UNAMIR could undertake a useful function in Rwanda at present and when would it establish a new mandate if this were so. We recalled that on Friday the Council had decided to give it a "short period" to see if a cease-fire would be forthcoming and that that short period was now coming to an end.

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