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SECURITY COUNCIL: RWANDA: HUMAN RIGHTS

Your C00590 to Wgtn

2 From our perspective it would be good for some thoughts to be fed to the High Commissioner for Human Rights before he leaves for Rwanda (7-11 May). Looking at what constructive action the human rights community can take, there would seem to be real value in taking up some of the ideas expressed by the Security Council in its statement of 30 April. (Our C04395 refers). (In case Geneva does not have it, our IFF contains the text of the Presidential Statement.)

3 Although some difficulties with pursuing the human rights dimension of the Rwanda situation in the Council would not be unexpected (ie given the traditional opposition from China), it seems reasonable that the Council and the Human Rights Commissioner (and Commission) should be dovetailing their work together on Rwanda as far as possible.

4 In this context, the special meeting of the Human Rights Commission called for by the Commissioner is welcome. Given the nature of the problem in Rwanda this would appear from our perspective to be an appropriate minimum step in the UN context. It would be good to have confirmation that such a meeting is being convened and to know the possible timeframe for it. It seems to us that it would probably be appropriate to consider making a significant input by way of national statement.

5 The High Commissioner and Human Rights Commission could pick up on the work already done in the Security Council by responding to the idea of an appropriate tribunal being convened to prosecute war crimes/genocide which has taken place. It could for example commend the statement by the Council and ask the Sec Gen to put together a detailed proposal for such a body which could be established, if need be.

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