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SECURITY COUNCIL: RWANDA

We have suggested to Gambari that it is important to find a way to break the current deadlock with the Americans quickly. If the Security Council simply sits back and waits for a revised report from the Secretary General there is every likelihood of the situation degenerating badly.

2 We therefore suggested to Gambari that he should, as President, convene a small working group involving the key members of the Council along with the Secretariat with a view to trying to hammer out a generally acceptable operational concept. Gambari agreed and said that he would try to put together a first such meeting early next week.

3 We had the opportunity today to discuss this issue also with Doug Bennett, the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organisations in the US State Department, who was in New York today (20 May). We outlined our thinking to him and he was very agreeable to the approach we had envisaged. He said that Washington also had become anxious that the current standoff could degenerate into another US versus Boutros Ghali slanging match. He therefore welcomed our initiative.

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