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Subject  
SECURITY COUNCIL: RWANDA

Summary

- RPF and "government" scheduled to begin cease-fire talks under UNAMIR auspices on Monday (30 May)
- military situation remains tense and fighting continues
- Secretariat is still seeking equipment and airlift capabilities which would enable the deployment of extra Ghanaians now, and subsequently the expanded UNAMIR II

Action

For information

Report

2 Secretariat (Gharekhan) gave a briefing on the situation in Rwanda at informals today. The visit by Asst-Secretary General Riza and General Baril had now concluded and they would be returning to NY on Monday. Riza had had talks with RPF in Malindi twice and "government" twice as well. The main outcome of which was that both parties had now agreed to meet under UNAMIR auspices on Monday 30 May to discuss a possible cease-fire agreement. UNAMIR has prepared a draft which would include points relating to the control of militia groups, protection of civilians, cessation of inflammatory broadcasts and the question of Kigali airport being a neutral

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zone.

3 The Sec Gen had firm commitments of troops from Ethiopia, Ghana and Senegal but was still engaged in seeking the necessary equipment. Offers of airlift capacity in order that they can be deployed would be critical. They are "reasonably hopeful" APCs can be sorted out for the Ghanaians which are to constitute the first "phase" of the deployment of the expanded UNAMIR. (In fact the Americans have told us that they are now willing to make APCs available for the Ghanaians.)

4 As regards the situation on the ground, Gharekhan noted that it was hoped that humanitarian flights could resume on Sunday. A Canadian military repair team had been flown in to Kigali airport to assess damage. The military situation remained "tense and volatile". The "truce" adopted during Riza's visit was observed "more in the breach".

5 Two UNAMIR reconnoissance teams had been sent out of Kigali to review the military situation. Fighting had resumed in the north (in two places) and the RPF was consolidating its position at Kigali airport and at other places in Kigali. The militia ("government" supporters) had been observed abandoning checkpoints to Gendarmes and moving south.

6 UNAMIR had been successful in obtaining the release of 480 displaced persons (from the Hotel and the stadium) and of these some had left for areas behind "government" lines and some for areas behind RPF line 7. With Riza and Baril returning to New York on Monday, we can expect a fuller briefing and possibly the report envisaged in res 918 (para 7) early next week.

End Message