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U48618: SECURITY COUNCIL : RWANDA

Your C04400.

2 The following points should guide your participation in the preliminary discussion:

- the Council response to the new situation in Rwanda needs to be considered from first principles - this is not a matter of ad hoc changes to the existing UNAMIR mandate or configuration;
- we would be willing to contemplate international action to help the parties restore peace in Rwanda - provided realistic achievable objectives and time-frame can be set;
- fundamental to UN involvement will be a commitment by the two parties to seek a settlement. Tomorrow's meeting in Arusha will provide an important steer;
- we are not opposed to regional solutions to regional problems. But we are hesitant about such operations appearing to be in the name of the UN (eg Liberia, Georgia) without direct UN supervision;
- if the OAU cannot carry out the task itself, our preference would be for an operation under UN command and control, rather than attempting to establish some sort of dual

UN/OA command structure. (We agree with your comments and recall concerns about the neutrality of ECOMOG in Liberia);

- we agree worst outcome, and one which New Zealand could not support, would be for the Council to authorise states to intervene as they saw fit;

- also agree that, as a first step, more detailed recommendations from the Sec-Gen would be welcome.

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End Message