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Subject

U51199: SECURITY COUNCIL : RWANDA

Your C04569 and fax 2741.

2 We agree with your assessment of the US draft and with the comments you have offered on it. We have four additional observations.

Arusha Agreement

3 PPI calls for the parties to recommit themselves to the full implementation of the Arusha Agreement (the same language as in SCR 918). Op 20, however, refers to a political settlement "within the framework of the Arusha Peace Agreement". There is a case for consistency and we believe the latter wording is more apposite given that presumably some aspects of the Arusha Agreement will need to be renegotiated (our U47317 of 15 April para 6). It may be worth asking the Secretariat for their reading of the continuing relevance of the Arusha Agreement in full to the changed circumstances.

Mandate

4 We note that the UNAMIR mandate as adjusted by SCR 912 and expanded by SCR 918 does not include a role in "political reconciliation". Your revised op 6 could be interpreted to suggest that this is the case. It would seem desirable, given the point you make about UNAMIR being at the moment a humanitarian operation, to end at "ceasefire" and to clarify

that political reconciliation is a subject on which the Sec-Gen is asked to report.

#### Human Rights

5 We share your preference not to take a lead on ops 14 and 15. We would not be surprised if others raise difficulties with these paras (which effectively extend the UNAMIR mandate into the area of human rights). Strictly speaking these paras are not necessary since the point is made in pps M and N. Moreover the CHR resolution requests the High Commissioner for Human Rights to make arrangements for close cooperation with UNAMIR and other UN agencies. It also asks the Sec-Gen to provide all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur to fulfil his mandate.

6 If an active reference is considered necessary, then a general request to the Sec-Gen to facilitate the work of the High Commissioner and the Special Rapporteur could be included in the preamble. This might be suggested in the event that others raise objections to ops 14 and 15 as drafted.

#### Regional Peace and Security

7 We note that the last preambular paragraph of SCR 918 has been omitted (ie. that the continuation of the situation in Rwanda constitutes a threat to peace and security in the region). Is this an oversight? There may be a case for reinstating this reference as part of the continuing context of Council action.

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