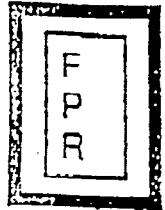


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STATEMENT TO MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Rwandese Patriotic Front, after reviewing the draft resolution under consideration by members of the Security Council, wishes to make the following observations and urges the Security Council to give them serious consideration:

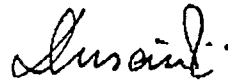
1. That what is taking place in Rwanda is genocide and the Security Council should call it so. Indeed if there is any debate, it should be on whether we should call it genocide or super genocide, since it is unprecedented. The convention on the prevention and punishment of genocide is clear in its definition of what constitutes genocide. Please adhere to articles II and III and there will be no need to look for other definitions.
2. That it is genocide there is no question. The question before the Security Council should be how to apprehend the perpetrators of genocide and bring them to justice. The Rwandese judicial system has totally broken down. Lawyers, judges have been completely exterminated, and no one can envisage an efficient competent and impartial judiciary in Rwanda to deal with the perpetrators of genocide in the near future. As the Secretary General's report mentions in Para. 5 "as time passes evidence erodes and witnesses vanish". It is imperative, therefore, that the Security Council consider seriously to set up an international tribunal so that those responsible for genocide are not allowed to escape justice. This could be done by either setting up a new tribunal or, for cost-effective purposes, extending the mandate of the Tribunal on atrocities in former Yugoslavia.
3. According to article III (c) of the Convention on the prevention and punishment of the crime of Genocide "Direct and Public incitement to commit genocide" is a punishable act. We request the Security Council not only to call for an end to the incitement but to go further and endorse the destruction and or jamming of Radio Milles Collines as a practical step to end the genocide. It is from Radio Milles Collines that the militia in remote villages that neither the RPF nor UNAMIR can access, receive their instructions to massacre innocent civilians. The destruction and jamming of Radio Milles Collines would be an indication of the International Community's determination to end the genocide.
4. As the Secretary General's report states clearly the so-called interim government is responsible for genocide and as it further mentions in paragraph 33. The RPF considers the interim government a criminal group, illegal and genocidal and insists that its delegation on the Security Council be suspended immediately. Much as the Security Council may be well-intentioned, the RPF will continue to find it difficult to respect and or be bound by resolutions taken while representatives of a genocidal regime sit on the Security Council and

participate in the Security Council deliberations and take decisions. The presence of the Rwanda representation on the Security Council will continue to rob the Security Council's resolutions on Rwanda of their moral weight and authority. We request that the Rwanda delegation be suspended forthwith.

5. As to who perpetrators of genocide are, the Secretary General's report is clear and therefore the RPF strongly objects to all paragraphs that link our organization to systematic massacres as well as public incitement to commit genocide. An attempt to equate RPF to RGF only lends the genocidal regime moral support.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front trusts that the Security Council will give these observations, serious consideration, if the resolution's objective is to help Rwanda.

For the Rwandese Patriotic Front



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