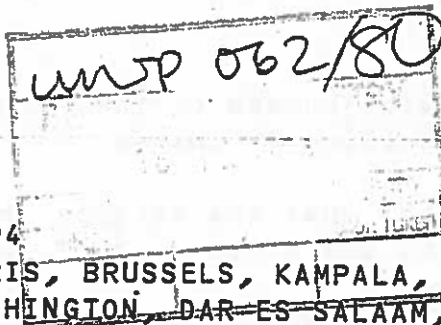


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MIPT: RWANDA

1. Text of Council President's Speaking Note is as follows:

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- The members of the Council have had a thorough discussion today about the situation in Rwanda and its implications for UNAMIR.
- They took carefully into consideration information provided by the Secretariat, as forwarded by the Secretary-General's Special Representative and the UNAMIR Force Commander, as well as that provided by the Foreign Minister of Belgium.
- Council members took note of and fully understood Belgium's decision to withdraw its troops in UNAMIR at the same time that it is repatriating the troops that have been providing security for the evacuation of foreign nationals.
- They also took into consideration the willingness of other major troop contributing countries to maintain their troops with UNAMIR as long as there is a useful role for them to perform.
- In the members' view, the immediate priority in Rwanda is the establishment of a ceasefire between the Government forces and the RPF. The Secretary-General's Special Representative and the Force Commander have been in contact with both parties to try to secure this objective.
- Council members urge the Special Representative to make every effort to facilitate a ceasefire. In this regard, the Council

members welcomed the willingness of the Organisation of African Unity to promote a ceasefire in Rwanda.

- Council members demand that the parties agree to an immediate ceasefire and return to the negotiating table.

- The members reaffirmed that the Arusha Peace Agreement remains the only viable framework for the resolution of the Rwanda conflict and serves as the basis for peace, national unity and reconciliation in the country.

- Council members commend the efforts made by the leaders of the sub-region at finding a solution to the crisis in Rwanda and urge the leaders of the region to persevere and intensify their efforts for peace, in cooperation with the United Nations and the OAU.

- But, the situation is grave and Council members are determined not to allow the security of UNAMIR personnel to be placed at serious risk.

- Council members intend to keep under constant review the force levels and activities of UNAMIR and to take decisions in this regard at the appropriate time.

Ends.

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