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Security Council Informal Consultations

The Council held informal consultations this morning to discuss the Secretary-General's report on Rwanda. representatives supported the recommendations contained therein. The United States introduced a draft resolution, copy of which was faxed to you earlier today. A working group of the Council will be discussing this draft in more detail, with a view to having a final version adopted this week, possibly Thursday.

- The topic of genocide was addressed by the Czech Republic and Spain who referred to the United Nations Convention on Genocide, particularly articles 3 and 8. Spain indicated that the Council should at some stage examine this issue in greater depth. The Permanent Representative of Spain also referred to the precedent established by the Council with the adoption of Resolution 780 on the former Yugoslavia. The United Kingdom suggested that genocide be mentioned only in the preambular paragraphs of the resolution because of its possible Chapter VII implications.
- France referred pointedly to the role UNOMUR would play in the implementation of the arms embargo mandated by the Council under resolution 918 (1994). The Permanent Representative also announced the intention of the French Government to provide some equipment for the Senegalese battalion.

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- 4. China referred to operative paragraphs 13 and 14 of the draft resolution and cautioned the Council that human rights questions should be raised at the appropriate UN body and not within the Security Council.
- 5. All members of the Council agreed that the solution to the crisis in Rwanda would have to be of a political and not military nature and that the United Nations should continue to press the parties to establish a cease-fire to allow for the effective provision of humanitarian assistance to the displaced persons and other civilians at risk. Regards.