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SUBJECT: FRENCH PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES THE SC OF << RWANDA>>

1. FRENCH PRIME MINISTER EDOUARD BALLADUR ADDRESSED THE SC ON THE SITUATION IN <<RWANDA>>. HE WAS ONE OF TWO SPEAKERS IN THE SC ON JULY 10- THE OTHER WAS ARGENTINA'S FOREIGN MINISTER D. GUIDO DI TELLA, WHO EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF THE REASONS FOR THE FRENCH ACTION.

- 2. BALLADUR SAID FRANCE HOPES TO SEE A BETTER ORGANIZED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WHICH POSSESSES THE MEANS, INCLUDING MILITARY MEANS, TO HELP THE RULE OF LAW PREVAIL. HE POINTED TO THE OVER 7,000 FRENCH TROOPS SERVING IN UN PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS AS PROOF OF FRANCE'S COMMITMENT.
- 3. MASSACRES, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES AND POSSIBLE DESTABILIZATION OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION ARE THE REASONS FOR FRENCH ACTION IN <<RWANDA>>, BALLADUR SAID. HE REASSURED THE SC THAT THE FRENCH ACTION IS ENTIRELY UNCLASSIFIED

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<<USUN>> N 02855 120000Z PAGE 03 HUMANITARIAN BASED, AND, AS STATED UNDER RESOLUTION 929, THE FRENCH ACTION IS BOTH IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PARTNERS AND WILL CEASE THE END OF JULY.

- 4. BALLADUR'S PROGRESS REPORT NOTED THE ALMOST ONE MILLION REFUGEES WITHIN THE FRENCH AND SENEGALESE SAFE AREA. AND EVACUATION TO THE SAFE AREA OF ABOUT 1,300 PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES WERE DIRECTLY THREATENED. ALSO, << RWANDA>> HAS RECEIVED ALMOST 400 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID, AND HAS AN EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IN CYANGUGU.
- 5. BALLADUR URGED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE ACTION IN THREE AREAS. HE ASKED MEMBER STATES, UN HUMANITARIAN AGENCIES AND NGO'S TO INCREASE HUMANITARIAN AID IN THE SAFE AREA. HE ALSO ASKED MEMBER STATES TO HELP DEPLOY UNAMIR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS THE FRENCH AND SENEGALESE ACTION CAN NOT REPLACE UNAMIR OR CARRY OUT ITS PEACEKEEPING MISSION AS DECIDED UPON BY THE SC. LASTLY BALLADUR ASKED THE UN, OAU AND STATES OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE RETURN OF THE NUMEROUS REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS, AND HELP RECONCILE << RWANDA>> WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ARUSHA ACCORDS.

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6. BALLADUR REMINDED THE SC THAT FRANCE WAS A CO-SPONSOR OF RESOLUTION 935 WHICH SET UP A COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY INTO THE RWANDAN MASSACRES. HE PLEDGED FRANCE WOULD OFFER WHATEVER INFORMATION IT HAS TO HELP BRING THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE TO JUSTICE.

7. THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER D. GUIDO DI TELLA ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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GAVE A SHORT SPEECH BEFORE THE SC. HE THANKED FRANCE
FOR THEIR UPDATE ON THE RWANDAN SITUATION, AND SAID THAT
ARGENTINA UNDERSTANDS THE REASONS FOR FRENCH ACTION IN
<<RWANDA>>. HE AGREED THAT UNAMIR MUST BE EXPANDED AND
DEPLOYED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND SAID <<RWANDA>>'S PEACE
LIES WITHIN THE ARUSHA PEACE ACCORDS.
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