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TO: BOOH-BOOH/DALLAIRE, UNAMIR, KIGALI ONLY
FROM: ANNAN, UNATIONS, NEW YORK
DATE: 16 February 1994
NUMBER: UNAMIR: 479
SUBJECT: Recovery of Illegal Weapons

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1. Thank you for the comments provided in your MIR-353 regarding the recovery of illegal weapons. Re Annabi's conversation today with General Dallaire, we wish to reiterate that we do share your concerns about the deterioration of the security situation in Kigali. We also share your eagerness to respond to requests by the authorities for UNAMIR assistance in the recovery of illegal weapons. The purpose of our UNAMIR-363 was precisely to enable you to respond, as far as possible, to these requests.

2. You will surely agree, however, that the assistance provided by UNAMIR should be consistent with the mandate entrusted to it under resolution 872 (1993). You will recall, in this connection, that the mandate set out in paragraph 3 of the resolution is somewhat more modest than the concept of operations proposed by the Secretary-General in his report of 24 September 1993 (S/26488).

3. We certainly have no objection to the kind of assistance envisaged in paragraph 2 of your cable, namely the monitoring by UNAMIR civilian police of "recovery actions" undertaken by the Gendarmerie. However, paragraphs 4 and 5 of your cable seem to suggest that these actions would be initiated by UNAMIR military personnel and only "supported by" the Gendarmerie and the RGF. In addition, you suggest that UNAMIR forces should provide an "outer security perimeter" as well as "outer containment of crowd control". We understand the first concept and feel that this

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type of involvement is acceptable. However, the meaning and implications of the second concept is not entirely clear.

4. We therefore look forward to receiving the clarifications promised in paragraph 6 of your cable, regarding the precise nature of the assistance to be provided by UNAMIR and the modus operandi for the proposed security operations.

5. In the meantime, we wish to stress that UNAMIR cannot and probably does not have the capacity to take over the maintenance of law and order, in or outside Kigali. Public security and the maintenance of law and order is the responsibility of the authorities. It must also remain their responsibility, as is the case in all other peace-keeping operations. As you know, resolution 792 (1993) only authorized UNAMIR to "contribute to the security of the city of Kigali, inter alia, within a weapons secure area established by repeat by the parties". We are prepared to consider with an open mind any suggestions or proposals aimed at improving the security situation, as long as they can be reconciled with or justified under UNAMIR's mandate. Regards.