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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON SITUATION RWANDA

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1. In a communique signed by the acting Chief of Staff of the Rwandese Government Forces (RGF) and the Chief of Staff of the Gendarmerie, the RGF expressed the wish to meet with the military leadership of the Rwandese Patriotic Front (FPR) in order to examine together ways and means of bringing back law and order in the the country and to open immediately substantive talks on a calendar for the setting up of the broad-based transitional institutions. The RGF paid tribute to UNAMIR's relentless efforts in promoting the peace process in Rwanda and requested its continued mediation for the proposed meeting.

2. As expressed by the RGF, I requested Mr. Kane, my Political Adviser and General Dallaire, the Force Commander to initiate contacts with the political and military leaders of the RPF.

3. While not refusing the principle of an informal meeting with the RGF High Command, the RPF has however made conditions of which the following are the most important to RPF leadership.

1.- To put an end to the chaos and the violence in Kigali and elsewhere in the country, the RGF must endeavour to stop at once inciting to ethnic hatred and violence broadcast on both state and private media particularly in Kigali.

2.-The signatories of the RGF High Command's communique must give assurances that they represent all the officers and the rank and file of the Rwandese Army.

3.- The meeting between the RPF and the RGF would only be informal so as to initiate an appropriate communication channel between the belligerents, and if successful, would lead to the establishment of a more direct working relation between the two parties.

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4. UNAMIR conveyed to the RGF Acting Chief of Staff the above message from the RPF political and military leadership. The RGF have favorably reacted to the RPF's readiness to enter into a meaningful dialogue in order to overcome the mistrust which led to the present crisis.

5. The RGF requested the presence of the Special Representative at the planned meeting, whose advice and guidance are considered very useful in the search for a peaceful solution to the week-old violent events in Rwanda.

6. The RPF and the RGF agreed that the venue of their first scheduled meeting is to be decided by UNAMIR and should be agreeable to both parties.

7. However, despite the apparent goodwill of the two parties, the situation remains very tense in Kigali in particular, with continuing, though intermittent and sporadic gunfire exchanges and, at times, shellings.

8. We are determined to achieve a reasonable success for the planned meeting which is scheduled for Thursday 14 April at 10 hours local time.

9. We will keep you apprised of the situation as it develops.

10. Best regards.