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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Ambassador Albright  
THRU: Ambassador Gnehm  
FROM: POL - Cameron R. Hum *CRH*  
SUBJECT: Security Council informals on Burundi, Monday,  
December 19, 10:30 am

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Background

Amb. Gharekhan has not told the Council about the situation in Burundi for quite some time. Last week, Amb. Hannay requested that the Council be updated. Gharekhan plans to tell us about the recent political crisis in Burundi and the distribution of the Ake-Huslid report to the GOB. It is the SYG's opinion that the UN can only provide the report to the GOB, not to the public, and it is then the GOB's responsibility to publish the report or not.

Talking Points (if needed)

- o We are concerned about the rising instability in Burundi and the risk of the situation deteriorating yet further. We are grateful for Amb. Gharekhan's oral report, and hope that he will keep us regularly informed of developments.
- o We would like to encourage the Secretariat to move ahead with plans for the OAU-UNHCR-sponsored regional refugee conference to be held as soon as possible.
- o We are very pleased that the Ake-Huslid report has finally been given to the Government of Burundi. We hope they will publish it and give it the widest distribution immediately.

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