


JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CEASEFIRE BETWEEN THE
RWANDESE GOVERNMENT AND THE RWANDESE

PATRIOTIC FRONT

ARUSHA, 10 - 12 JULY 1992

1. At the kind invitation of H.E. Ali Hassan Mwinyi, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, the representatives of the Government of the Rwandese Republic and of the Rwandese Patriotic Front met in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 10 to 12 July 1992, under the chairmanship of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. Ahmed Hassan Diria.
2. The delegation of the government of the Republic of Rwanda was led by H.E. Mr. NGULINZIRA Boniface, Minister of Foreign Affairs and cooperation. The delegation of the Rwandese Patriotic Front was led by Mr. BIZIMUNGU Pasteur, Member of the Executive Committee and Commissioner for Information and Documentation.
3. Also in attendance as observers were the representative of the current Chairman of the OAU, H.E. Abdou Diouf, President of the Republic of Senegal, the representative of the Mediator, H.E. Marshal Mobutu Sese Seko, President of the Republic of Zaire, representatives of Burundi, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, the representatives of the Secretary-General of the OAU, H.E. Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, Belgium, France, and the United States of America.



4. Following intense negotiations, conducted in an open and brotherly atmosphere, the leader of the Delegation of the Rwandese Government and the leader of the Delegation of the Rwandese Patriotic Front, signed the N'sele Ceasefire Agreement, as amended at Gbadolite and Arusha.
5. The Ceasefire Agreement provides for:
 - (a) A temporary truce effective at midnight (Rwanda time) on 19th July 1992;
 - (b) Entry into force of the ceasefire at midnight (Rwanda time) on 31st July, 1992 and the deployment of a Neutral Military Observer Group (NMOG) on the same day.
 - (c) Establishment of a Neutral Military Observer Group to verify the implementation of the provision of Article II of the Ceasefire Agreement which provides notably for the withdrawal of foreign troops, without prejudice to the presence of military personnel serving in Rwanda under bilateral cooperation agreements.
 - (d) The commencement of political negotiations on 10 August 1992 leading to the signing of a peace accord not later than 10 October 1992;




- (e) The establishment of a Joint Political Military Commission to commence its work on 26 July 1992 and which will ensure the follow up of the implementation of the ceasefire agreement as well as the peace Accord which will have been concluded at the end of the political negotiations.
 - (f) The implementation not later than 10 January 1993 of the mechanisms and conclusions foreseen in the peace accord.
6. The implementation of the following principles will be specified during the political negotiations:-
- (a) Establishment of the rule of law, that is, based namely on national unity, democracy, pluralism, and respect for human rights;
 - (b) Formation of a national army consisting of Government forces and those of the RPF;
 - (c) Establishment of power-sharing within the framework of a broad-based transitional government.
7. The political negotiations, scheduled for 10 August 1992, will take place in Arusha, Tanzania.
8. The two parties re-affirmed their political will to continue, through negotiations, the search for a solution to the conflict as well as to the problems underlying it.
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9. The participants extended their deep appreciation and thanks to H.E. President Ali Hassan Mwinyi, the Government and the People of Tanzania, for their untiring efforts towards the re-establishment of peace and stability in Rwanda and the constructive role that Tanzania played during the Peace Talks as well as the typically warm African welcome and hospitality extended to them.

Done in Arusha on 12 July 1992.


FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
RWANDESE REPUBLIC

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