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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS DEMARCHE

REF: A) KIGALI 0909 B) STATE 045432
C) 3/14 AISTON-LEADER TELCON D) KIGALI 01289

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POST'S THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE ACCOUNTS OF HARASSMENT AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS MONITOR MONIQUE MUJAWAMARIYA AND POST'S FULL REPORT AND
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RECOMMENDATION IN REF (A). POST'S REGULAR CONTACT WITH MS. MUJAWAMARIYA AND OTHER LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SHIELDING THESE INDIVIDUALS FROM FURTHER HARASSMENT AND IS TO BE COMMENDED.

3. PER REF (C), DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN POST RECOMMENDATION THAT DEMARCHE TO RWANDAN AUTHORITIES ENCOMPASS NOT JUST MS. MUJAWAMARIYA'S SITUATION BUT ALSO THAT OF OTHERS AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT CLIMATE OF INSECURITY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT POST HAS ALREADY RAISED

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USG CONCERNS OVER THE SECURITY SITUATION ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BUT THAT FORMAL DEMARCHE RECOMMENDED IN REF (A) HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. IN LIGHT OF THE HIGH PRIORITY PLACED ON PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN RWANDA, POST IS REQUESTED TO MAKE THE DEMARCHE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. THERE IS NO NEED TO AWAIT FORMATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT SINCE THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OCCURRED UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION AND SINCE MANY OF THE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSURING PROTECTION OF THE CITIZENRY (BEGINNING, IN PARTICULAR, WITH PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA HIMSELF) WILL CONTINUE IN THEIR POSITIONS OR IN SIMILAR POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT. WHEN THE TRANSITION INSTITUTIONS ARE INSTALLED, POST CAN REITERATE POINTS TO NEW PLAYERS ON THE SECURITY SCENE, AS NECESSARY.

4. WHILE RECENT POLITICAL KILLINGS AND ETHNIC VIOLENCE SHOULD BE RAISED IN THE DEMARCHE, IT IS IMPORTANT AS WELL TO MAKE A STRONG PROTEST ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUE OF HARASSMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS, USING THE TYPES OF INSTANCES REPORTED IN REF (A) AS EXAMPLES. AS POST IS

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AWARE, HARASSMENT OF MS. MUJAWAMARIYA HAS ATTRACTED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION IN THE U.S. ONCE DEMARCHE IS MADE, PLEASE PROVIDE FULL REPORT SO THAT WE CAN KEEP INTERESTED USG OFFICIALS AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS FULLY INFORMED ON USG ACTIONS TAKEN AND RESPONSE OF RWANDAN AUTHORITIES.

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