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BIZIMUNGU, OCT 6

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. IN AN OCTOBER 6 MEETING WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL, RWANDAN PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU STRESSED THREE PRIORITIES FOR RWANDA: RECONCILIATION; RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES BOTH NEW AND OLD; AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTRY'S INFRASTRUCTURE. THE PRESIDENT EXPLAINED THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ALLOW OLD REFUGEES TO MOVE INTO THE HOUSES OF THOSE WHO FLED SINCE APRIL. HE ENDORSED THE AMENDMENT OF UNIMIR'S MANDATE TO EXTEND TO THE REFUGEE CAMPS OUTSIDE RWANDA. HE STRONGLY ENDORSED A WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL AND WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING YUGOSLAV TRIBUNAL TO INCLUDE RWANDAN CRIMES; THE TRIALS SHOULD BE HELD IN RWANDA. END SUMMARY

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3. PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU OF RWANDA MET INFORMALLY WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON OCT 6. THE PRESIDENT'S OPENING STATEMENT DESCRIBED THREE FUNDAMENTAL PRIORITIES IN RWANDA. FIRST WAS THE NEED TO MOVE TOWARD RECONCILIATION AMONG THE PEOPLE OF RWANDA. IN THIS REGARD HE MENTIONED THE STILL UNRELEASED REPORT OF UNHCR ABOUT SYSTEMATIC MASSACRES BY RPF. THE GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED UNHCR TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT ANY ALLEGATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT. CONFIRM THAT NONE OF THE REPORT'S CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN VERIFIED. THE GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED TO PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO THE REPORT'S CHARGES.

4. A SECOND PRIORITY IS TO BRING BACK REFUGEES BOTH NEW (SINCE APRIL) AND OLD (GOING BACK OVER 30 YEARS). CENTRAL TO THIS GOAL IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION AND REASSURE THE REFUGEES THAT THEY CAN RETURN HOME SAFELY. THE TRIBUNAL WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT TOLERATE VIOLENCE, THAT JUSTICE WILL NOT BE ARBITRARY, AND THAT INTERNATIONAL NORMS WILL BE FOLLOWED. IT WOULD ALSO SIGNAL THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT FOR JUSTICE RATHER THAN VENGEANCE IN RWANDA. THE RWANDAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM SHOULD COORDINATE

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WITH THE TRIBUNAL IN THIS EFFORT. HE CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE RWANDAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

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5. A THIRD PRIORITY IS TO RECONSTRUCT THE COUNTRY. TO DATE VERY LITTLE BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO REBUILD THE RWANDAN INFRASTRUCTURE. BIZIMUNGU APPEALED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOR  
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6. AMB. GAMBARI OF NIGERIA, WHO ACTED AS HOST OF THE MEETING, ASKED ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING FOR RETURNING REFUGEES. BIZIMUNGU SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT ALLOWING OLD REFUGEES TO MOVE BACK ONTO THE LAND THEY LEFT YEARS AGO. THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESETTLE THEM ON UNCLAIMED LAND. SOME WHO RETURNED DURING THE FIGHTING THIS YEAR HAD MOVED INTO HOUSES ABANDONED BY NEW REFUGEES. BUT, AFTER THE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED CONTROL, THEY REMOVED THESE PEOPLE, SO THAT THE HOUSES COULD BE RETURNED TO THOSE WHO  
HAD FLED FROM THIS YEAR'S  
FIGHTING.

7. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON HOW TO FURTHER REPATRIATION, BIZIMUNGU EMPHASIZED THAT THE VIOLENT MILITIAS AND FORMER ARMY MUST BE SEPARATED FROM OTHER REFUGEES AND DISARMED. THE CAMPS MUST BE SECURED SO THAT RWANDAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES CAN ENTER THE CAMPS AND EXPLAIN THAT IT IS SAFE TO RETURN HOME. HE SAID THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD FROM ZAIRE, TANZANIA AND BURUNDI.

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8. USUN AMB INDERFURTH ASKED IF OTHER ACTIONS COULD BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE SECURITY IN THE CAMPS, SUCH AS THE EXPANSION OF UNIMIR. INDERFURTH'S QUESTION WAS ECHOED BY AMB HANNAY OF UK. BIZIMUNGU SAID THAT THE MANDATE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ALLOW UNAMIR TO GO INTO THE CAMPS, AS WELL AS ASSIST IN RECONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING OF NEW POLICE. PRESENTLY UNIMIR MUST STOP AT THE BORDER AND CANNOT CROSS EVEN TO ASSIST REFUGEE REPATRIATION.

9. NEW ZEALAND AND OMAN ASKED ABOUT THE SITE OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL. BIZIMUNGU SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT TRIALS BE HELD IN RWANDA TO SIGNAL THIS IS RWANDAN JUSTICE, NOT "OUTSIDE JUSTICE." LOCATING THE TRIALS IN RWANDA WOULD ALSO HELP WITH THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF  
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WITNESSES' AND VICTIMS' PRESENCE, AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE TRANSPORTING THE ACCUSED TO THE HAGUE. RWANDA NOW HAS 6,000 PEOPLE UNDER ARREST CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATING IN THE MASSACRES.

10. THE RWANDAN JUSTICE MINISTER ADDED THAT THE TRIBUNAL WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL EFFECT ON THE PEOPLE. THE CRIMES HAD BEEN COMMITTED IN A "CULTURE OF IMPUNITY" AND IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE RWANDAN PEOPLE SEE THE ACCUSED TRIED AND PUNISHED IN RWANDA TO DETER MORE KILLING. THE MINISTER INDICATED ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCEPT OF AN EXPANDED YUGOSLAVIAN TRIBUNAL THAT COULD BE SEEN AS AN "ITINERANT BODY" WITH TRIALS TO BE HELD ON AN AD HOC BASIS IN KIGALI.

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