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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL : RWANDA

Our accompanying cable refers.

Attached is draft resolution and letter from Secretary-General to President of Security Council.

Draft Resolution on the Situation in RwandaThe Security Council

Recalling all its previous resolutions on the conflict in Rwanda, in particular its resolution 872 (1993) of 5 October 1993 by which it established the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR);

Noting its resolution 909 (1994) of 5 April 1994 which extended the mandate of UNAMIR until 29 July 1994 with a six-week review provision on the understanding that progress will be made in establishing all the transitional institutions under the Arusha Peace Agreement;

Recalling its statement of 7 April 1994 (S/PRST/1994 (16) which, inter alia, reaffirmed the centrality of the Arusha Peace Agreement to the peace process in Rwanda;

Expressing deep regret at the failure of the parties to implement fully the provisions of the Arusha Peace Agreement;

Welcoming the initiatives of the late Presidents of Rwanda and Burundi to work towards a resolution of the conflict in their countries within the framework of a negotiated political settlement and in collaboration with regional leaders;

Shocked at the tragic incident that resulted in the deaths of

the Presidents of Rwanda and Burundi on 6 April 1994;

Appalled at the ensuing large scale violence which has resulted in the death of thousands of innocent civilians, including women and children, and the displacement of a significant number of the Rwandese population;

Deeply concerned by continuing looting, banditry and the breakdown of law and order;

Expressing its deep concern also <sup>for</sup> at the safety and security of UNAMIR and other United Nations personnel who are assisting in implementing the peace process and in distributing humanitarian relief;

Determining that the situation in Rwanda constitutes a threat to peace and security; 15 LF

1. Expresses regret at the tragic incident in which the Presidents of Rwanda and Burundi lost their lives, and invites the Secretary General to collect all available information with all means at his disposal and report to the Council as soon as possible; practicality?

2. Expresses regret also at the ensuing violence which has

claimed the lives of the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Government Officials and thousands of other civilians;

3. Strongly condemns the attacks against UNAMIR and other United Nations personnel leading to the deaths of several UNAMIR personnel and calls upon all concerned to put an end to these acts of violence and to respect fully international humanitarian law;

4. Calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities and an end to the (mindless) violence and carnage which are engulfing Rwanda; and in this connection, demands that the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF) agree without delay to an effective ceasefire and that both parties return to the positions held by them before the present hostilities;

5. Decides, in the light of the current security situation in Rwanda, to increase the strength of UNAMIR and to revise its mandate to enable it to contribute to the restoration of law and order and the establishment of the transitional institutions within the framework of the Arusha Peace Agreement; *dead?*

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6. Reiterates the crucial importance of the full implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement to the settlement of the Rwandan conflict and urges the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) to extend its cooperation to the United Nations in this

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regard;

7. Urges all countries, in particular those of the region,

to refrain from any action that would further exacerbate the situation in Rwanda;

8. Calls upon the parties in Rwanda to accept the futility of a military solution to the political problem and, in this respect, work towards a negotiated political settlement;

9. Calls also upon the parties to cooperate fully in ensuring the unimpeded delivery of humanitarian assistance to all Rwandese throughout the country and in this regard, appeals to the international community to provide increased humanitarian assistance commensurate with the scale of the human tragedy in Rwanda;

10. Strongly appeals to both parties, (in particular the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF)) to commit themselves to the peace process leading to a comprehensive political settlement in Rwanda on the basis of the Arusha Peace Agreement; <sup>problem?</sup> ✓

11. Affirms its commitment to preserve the unity and territorial integrity of Rwanda;

12. Invites the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the situation in Rwanda and to report to Council as the situation warrants, at least, not later than fifteen days after the adoption of this resolution;

13. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

13 April 1994

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to inform you that H.E. Mr. Willy Claes, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium, held a meeting with me in Bonn on 12 April 1994 during which we reviewed the situation in Rwanda. On behalf of the United Nations, I took the opportunity to reiterate to the Minister sincere condolences on the death of ten Belgian soldiers serving with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR) as well as deep gratitude and appreciation for Belgium's contribution to UNAMIR.

The Minister conveyed to me his assessment of the situation in Rwanda which, according to him, has deteriorated drastically in recent days and continues to grow rapidly worse. He informed me that the Government of Belgium has decided to withdraw its contingent serving with UNAMIR at the earliest possible date. The Minister assured me that his Government would like the withdrawal of its contingent to take place in a coordinated manner.

In the light of this decision by the Government of Belgium, it is my assessment that it will be extremely difficult for UNAMIR to carry out its tasks effectively. The continued discharge by UNAMIR of its mandate will become untenable unless the Belgian contingent is replaced by another, equally well equipped contingent or unless the Government of Belgium reconsiders its decision to withdraw its contingent.

His Excellency  
Mr. Colin Keating  
President of the Security Council  
New York

In these circumstances, I have asked my Special Representative and the Force Commander to prepare plans for the withdrawal of UNAMIR, should this prove necessary, and send their recommendations to me in this regard. I shall keep the Council informed.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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