

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

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*The General*

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to the attention of the President of the Republic  
(care of the Secretary General)

SUBJECT: RWANDA – Presence of surface-to-air missiles

A new Ugandan-Tutsi rebel offensive took place the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May in northeast RWANDA. Rwandan forces rapidly neutralized this action.

Much material was retrieved on the ground, including a portable SAM16 surface-to-air missile of recent design (range: 5 km).

This equipment, new and seemingly of Ugandan provenance, marks a new and dangerous course for foreign aid to the rebels.

If Ugandan complicity is confirmed on this particular point, specific intervention will be necessary from President MUSEVENI.

Additionally, we have found ourselves in the presence of a concrete case of illegal proliferation of portable surface-to-air missiles, weapons which present great danger to all kinds of civilian and military aircraft.

France has established a binding and restrictive policy with regard to the export of its own surface-to-air MISTRAL missiles, especially in AFRICA. This moral stance is, unfortunately, not shared by many of the other missile-constructing states.

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