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The Security Council had another discussion today on Rwanda. The President (Nigeria) said that the Council had to take some action very soon; otherwise it would become a laughing stock. He proposed that he would write a letter to you requesting you to suggest some kind of a plan of action or concept of operations.

During the discussions, some delegations pointed out that it would be essential to give you some kind of guidance on the basis of which a paper could be prepared. It was also mentioned that unless the Secretariat was given an indication of the proposed mandate for an expanded UNAMIR, it would be difficult for the Secretariat to prepare such a paper. The proposed paper would also indicate the resources required to implement a modified mandate. Ambassador Hannay specifically asked me for my advice.

I reminded the Council that you have addressed two letters to the President. You have proposed that forceful action was called for. I supported Nigeria's suggestion that a letter should be addressed to you asking for your proposals or recommendations. Regarding a possible expanded mandate, I referred them to the letter of the Secretary-General of OAU which I have sent to you earlier today. In that letter, Mr. Salim has proposed "an adjusted mandate to cope with the expanded tasks of providing security to the displaced persons where needed and delivering humanitarian assistance". I said that if this is what the OAU wants, then it could serve as the basis for preparing a non-paper in the Secretariat. I pointed out that "providing security to the displaced persons" would definitely require additional forces with a mandate to use force if necessary to

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escort humanitarian convoys etc., since the displaced persons are inside the country<sup>1</sup> and not on the border.

Let us see what kind of a letter the President of the Council writes to you. He will first have to circulate a draft among the members who will give their comments on it tomorrow. We shall fax the letter to you in Johannesburg. In the meantime, I would suggest to DPKO that they could start preparing the non-paper on the basis of Mr. Salim's letter.

The members of the Council also welcomed your decision to send Amb. Ayala Lasso to Rwanda.

*With regards*

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