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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL : RWANDA

Our accompanying cable refers.

We attach Presidential statement on Rwanda adopted this evening by the Security Council and statement by the spokesperson for the Secretary-General.

1. *Mr. McCormick*

→ 2. *file.*

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council is alarmed by the continuation of fighting in Rwanda, which is causing a massive exodus of the population. This situation may lead very quickly to a further humanitarian disaster and endanger the stability of the region, since the flow of these refugees is seriously affecting the neighbouring countries.

In the light of this grave situation, the Security Council:

- Demands an immediate and unconditional cease-fire and invites the parties to report to the Force Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR) on their actions in this respect;
- Urges the resumption of the political process in the framework of the Arusha Peace Agreement and calls upon the countries of the region, the Secretary-General and his Special Representative to contribute actively to it;  
*and the OAU*
- Reaffirms the humanitarian nature of the secure area in the south-west of Rwanda and demands that all concerned fully respect this. It will keep the matter under close review;
- Urges also Member States, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations to mobilize all available resources in order urgently to provide humanitarian assistance to the civilian population in distress;
- Calls upon Member States to provide the necessary contributions in order to ensure the deployment of the expanded UNAMIR in the immediate future.

The Security Council is determined to follow very closely the development of the situation in Rwanda and remains actively seized of the matter.

STATEMENT ATTRIBUTABLE TO  
THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Secretary-General is making an urgent appeal to the parties to the conflict in Rwanda for an immediate cease-fire. He is gravely concerned about the dramatic turn of events in that country, following reports that hundreds of thousands of refugees are now streaming towards the borders of neighbouring countries. Unless this exodus of population ceases, the stability of the whole region will be endangered, unleashing a humanitarian catastrophe without precedent in Africa.

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