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Subject

SECURITY COUNCIL: RWANDA

SUMMARY

DFAIT called a meeting of all resident Ambassadors and High Commissioners to appeal to all countries to make firm commitments to UNAMIR TWO asap.

ACTION

For information.

REPORT

3 On Wednesday pm (29 June) DFAIT at Deputy Minister level (ADM Lavertu, Political and International Security Affairs, and ADM Perron, Africa and Middle East) briefed the diplomatic corps (Zaire was excluded because of Canadian concern about Mobutu's role in events) on current developments in Rwanda, and urged all representatives to convey a message to their governments about the importance of redoubling efforts to make firm commitments to UNAMIR TWO.

4 Lavertu noted that Canada understood the humanitarian motives behind the French initiative, but said that a long term solution had to be found through a full scale UN operation. Indeed the Chapter 7 humanitarian operation reinforced the urgency to get UNAMIR TWO in place on the ground. It was now essential that the UN obtain a sufficient force with proper equipment for the task. It was noted that the troop contributors meeting in New York the previous day (28 June) had been disappointing in that many offers remained to be confirmed or were conditional, and there had been some excessive requests for equipment. A further meeting was

planned for 5 July.

5 Perron said that the tragedy on a gigantic scale in Rwanda had a significant impact on the whole region. The credibility of the UN was at stake. There was the desperate humanitarian need within Rwanda itself. The authorities in Burundi deserved congratulations and support in their efforts to hold together a very fragile situation. Tanzania had been very supportive of the Arusha process and had taken in over three quarters of a million refugees. It had to be acknowledged that it would take many years to rebuild the structure and soul of the country, but immediate help was needed from the international community.

6 Perron said that Rwanda's designated prime minister Mr Twagiramungu supported the UN operations, and had a role to play in reunifying the people of the country. He also noted that Canada remained very concerned that the Rwandan government radio continued to attack UNAMIR, as the international community required a supportive climate for success.

7 Admiral Murray, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff reported that Canada's contribution of up to 350 communications experts was intended to ensure that UNAMIR had effective communications and command and control structures. The unit was in training, and there was a 15 person reconnaissance unit in Rwanda. The unit would be ready to deploy by mid July.

8 Admiral Murray said that the prospects of General Dallaire renegotiating the opening of Kilgali airport looked reasonably promising. The intention was that UNAMIR would deploy initially in Kilgali, and then move into the south and west which was the area of greatest humanitarian need. There were up to two million displaced persons in Rwanda. The multinational force was undertaking helicopter surveys to identify key areas of need, and the commanders of the two forces would be meeting shortly. The humanitarian situation behind RPF lines was seen to be less critical, and NGO's were also operating in those zones.

COMMENT

9 Canada is clearly concerned about what they see as pretty negative prospects for UNAMIR TWO coming together in the next month or two, and decided on this event to do their bit to add to the pressure. We understand the French Embassy expressed a concern about possible negative reactions, but in the event no negative sentiments were expressed. A number of representatives made predictable remarks in support of UNAMIR and DFAIT's initiative.

End Message