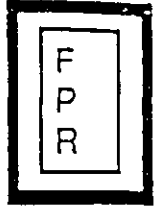


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Political Situation in Rwanda

As the Security Council meets to consider the United Nations Secretary General's report on UNAMIR, the Rwandese Patriotic Front wishes to draw the Security Council's attention to the current political impasse that risks to jeopardise the Arusha Peace Agreement.

The Secretary General's report on UNAMIR to the UN Security Council shows progress in the implementation of the Arusha peace agreement. Indeed until the 29th December 1993, the date on which transitional institutions were to be established, everything was going as agreed on in a high-level meeting between the RPF, the Rwanda Government and the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General at Kinihira, 80 kilometers from Kigali, on 10th December 1993.

In conformity with the calendar agreed on at Kinihira, the RPF executive as well as Ministers and Deputies to represent the Front in the Broad-Based transitional Government and the Transitional National Assembly arrived in Kigali on the 28th December 1993. The swearing-in ceremony scheduled for 29th

December 1993, however, did not take place. When the current Prime Minister proposed that the ceremony take place on January 1st 1994, the President of the Republic refused to comply, claiming that he had not been informed and that some parties, namely, MDR and PL still needed to solve their internal problems.

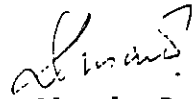
Since then, the President has become more intransigent. Although on the 5th December 1993 he bowed to pressure and allowed himself to be sworn in, he has refused to swear in the members of the Transitional National Assembly who have been approved by the Constitutional Court according to the provisions in the Arusha peace agreement. The President has instead sought to introduce a list of members of the TNA of his own choice in total disregard of the sovereignty of the political parties in choosing their own representatives who must then be approved by the Constitutional Court before they can be sworn in.

It is clear that the President of the Republic, as in the past, is seeking to derail the peace process and frustrate UNAMIR. The President, instead of expediting the implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement, is channeling all his efforts in creating an alliance of all political forces that are not happy with the peace agreement. He continues to train the militia INTERAHAMWE, which is linked to this party and to arm civilian populations in the prefectures of Kigali, Ruhengeri and Gisenyi.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front, therefore calls upon the National and International Community to intervene before the crisis deepens and bring pressure on President Habyarimana to allow the establishment of the transitional institutions.

It is of great urgency that these institutions be put in place to allow the return of the displaced people, the restoration of security as well as the rebuilding of the economy.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front has, and will continue to cooperate with UNAMIR to see that the Arusha Peace Agreement is implemented in its entirety and therefore urges the United Nations Security Council to ask President Habyarimana to comply with the Arusha Peace Accord for the sake of the Rwandese people who are tired of war and wish to resume their normal productive life.



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