

AMASASU: *Alliance des
Militaires Agacés par les Séculaires
Actes Sournois des Unaristes.*

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All FAR and Gendarmerie units

Kigali, 20/1/1993

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Rwanda
Kigali

Re: Creation and Purpose of AMASASU

Mr. President,

1. We have the honour of informing you of the existence of our alliance, our goals and our position with respect to the war.
2. Indeed, Mr. President, from the Commanding officer to the smallest FAR soldier, we have formed an Alliance of soldiers irritated by the ancient underhanded acts of the members of the UNAR party – AMASASU in short. From the Commanding officer to the smallest FAR soldier, because in this war imposed on us by unrepentant members of

the UNAR party, we are the ones who are dying. No one can claim to want peace more than us.

3. Obviously, our alliance is not authorized by any law, especially as no law can be against it, in view of the circumstances under which it was born: purely and simply legitimate defence.

However, Mr. President, AMASASU only demands one thing: to be listened.

4. Our goals are as follows: to thwart the malicious plans of the members of the UNAR party who have been aggressing us from 1959 to the present. We support political pluralism and democracy with all our might because we want to see real justice established in Rwanda.

To detect and destroy, if necessary, all politicians [Missing fragment]

5. Mr. President, allow us to present our position and the results of our succinct analysis of the prevailing situation.

5.1. The *Inkotanyi* are not foreign enemies but Rwandan compatriots, even though they have been shooting at us. So be it!

They have taken up arms so as to be heard and to have the right to participate in the political and economic management of their country. So be it!

The Arusha negotiations have just granted them five posts in the government, out of 21, and 11 seats in the parliament, out of 70. That's good. And yet according to reliable information, the same *Inkotanyi* are in the process of preparing a large

scale offensive. If they implement this unhealthy plan, will they still have the right to demand to be called brothers? Wouldn't it be a clear way of saying that they want everything or nothing? UNAR members have always been like that and the current *Inkotanyi* are no different, believe us!

5.2 We know, as you do Mr. President, that we are fighting on the borders of our country whilst on the inside there are individuals who support our aggressors publicly and with impunity. If these blackmailing *Inyenzi* start the war once again, how do you plan on preventing us from teaching these inside traitors the lesson they deserve? After all we have already identified the most virulent amongst them and we shall act with the speed of lightning!

5.3 We know, as you do Mr. President, that inside the country there are two antagonistic forces: the FDC and the ARD.

The FDC no longer even hides the fact that it supports the RPF and the ARL is against the latter.

Yet the RPF is the enemy of the FAR, whilst AMASASU is an integral part of the FAR, therefore the RPF is the enemy. RPF + FLC versus AMASASU+ ARL, taking into consideration that there are RPF agents within the FLC that are very active inside the country. If the *Inyenzi* start the war again, how will you alleviate the anger of AMASASU against the RPF agents who are operating under the FDC standard? We reiterate that the most virulent of those agents have already been identified. Shouldn't the RPF accomplices on the inside, which we have already

identified, rejoin in a timely manner the *Inkotanyi* before the latter attack?

Otherwise anyone can guess what will happen to them.

5.4 Mr. President, you know well that "He who wants peace prepares for war." During this relative hiatus in fighting, the *Inyenzi* have been seriously preparing themselves. They have recruited massively to swell their ranks. Was this only for the pleasure of it? AMASASU therefore suggests that in each of the [illegible] *communes* of Rwanda, there be at least one battalion of strong young men trained on the ground in the military arts, even summarily. These young people will remain on their hill but ready to constitute an army of the people that will support the regular army in the event the *Inyenzi* do not abandon their ambitions to seize power by force. The Ministries of Youth, Defence and Interior will be in charge of training the people's army.

5.5 Moreover, Mr. President allow us through your good offices to thank H. E. the Prime Minister, Dr. Dismas Nsengiyaremye, who has tirelessly attempted to reason with the *Inyenzi* by trying to prove to them that they cannot seize power in Rwanda by force. We are referring here to the speech he gave in Kibuye. And more recently, he has authorized the people to defend themselves if there are any troubles, especially if the relevant institutions do nothing. His Excellency the Prime Minister D. Dismas Nsengiyaremye is the man we need because he favours the spirit of initiative.

We, AMASASU, we will render justice ourselves, as soon as the *Inyenzi* attack if competent authorities do not decide to [Missing text].

5.6 Mr. President, AMASASU has noticed with indignation that often soldiers are victims of injustice served by capricious leaders. Once again we wish to express our sincere thanks to Prime Minister Nsengiyaremye who, up until now, has been the first Rwandan authority to speak in favour of soldiers. The decision to reinstate officers who had been arbitrarily dismissed filled us with pleasure because "*Inkoni ikubise mukeba uyirenza urogo.*" Thus Mr. President, we are in favour of our brothers in arms' rights being reinstated, especially as the law does not consider them guilty. Even if they were guilty, the *Inyenzi's* were no less guilty and you forgave them. Therefore, we wish to see the return of our godfathers our brothers and our sons before the integration of those *Inyenzi*.

6. Please accept Mr. President the assurances of our support and our highest consideration.

For the AMASASU Supreme Council

Commander Tango Mike

[Signed]

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