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4. WAPAKHABULO GAVE A GENERAL PROGRESS REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY'S PROCEEDINGS. HE HIGHLIGHTED THE DEBATE ON THE THREE MOST CONTENTIOUS ISSUES:

MOVEMENT VS. MULTIPARTY: WAPAKHABULO SUGGESTED THAT INDIVIDUALS ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE HAD SOFTENED THEIR POSITIONS AND THAT A COMPROMISE WAS POSSIBLE. IT LOOKED LIKE FULL MULTIPARTY POLITICS WOULD RETURN IN THE NEXT THREE TO FIVE YEARS.



LAND TENURE: WAPAKHABULO SAID MOST PEOPLE WANTED OWNERSHIP AND TITLES FOR THEIR LAND, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE AREAS WHERE ABSENTEE LANDLORDS HAD COLLECTED FEES ON LAND GRANTED DURING THE COLONIAL PERIOD. SOME WAY WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND TO COMPENSATE

ORIGINAL OWNERS IF SQUATTERS AND LONG-TERM OCCUPANTS WERE GRANTED TITLES.

5. A/S MOOSE STATED THAT MANY NATIONS IN THE REGION ARE WRESTLING WITH THE SAME ISSUES AND THAT UGANDA'S EXPERIENCE, BOTH IN THE MARCH 28 ELECTION AND IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE, WILL BE USEFUL FOR ITS NEIGHBORS.

6. CHAIRMAN WAPAKHABULO EMPHASIZED THAT THE CA WILL COMPLETE ITS WORK BY THE THIRD WEEK OF DECEMBER, "EVEN IF WE HAVE TO HOLD SESSIONS UNTIL 2 A.M." ANY "CONTENTIOUS" ISSUES THAT CANNOT BE RESOLVED, HOWEVER, WILL HAVE TO BE PUT TO A REFERENDUM, WHICH WOULD DELAY THE TIMEABLE FOR ELECTIONS. THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT'S MANDATE ENDS ON 26 JANUARY 1995, AND THE NRM WANTS TO HAND OVER POWER TO A DULY ELECTED GOVERNMENT THEN, WAPAKHABULO STATED.

7. A/S MOOSE APPLAUDED UGANDA'S EFFORTS IN PROMOTING DEMOCRACY AND ENCOURAGED THE LEADERS OF THE CA TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD. HOWEVER, A/S MOOSE ALSO NOTED THE DIFFICULTIES OF HOLDING ELECTIONS OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. AMB. CARSON ADDED THAT IT IS

BETTER THAT THE ELECTIONS BE PROPERLY AND FAIRLY CONDUCTED THAN RUSHED THROUGH TO MEET A DEADLINE. WAPAKHABULO SAID THERE IS A GROVING AGREEMENT THAT AN EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT MAY BE NEEDED TO ALLOW FOR THE ELECTIONS. DETAILED PLANNING FOR THE

GENERAL ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNT'L THE DELINEATION OF CONSTITUENCIES IS DETERMINED. CA COMMISSIONER ANABWAY SUGGESTED THAT MARCH 28, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THIS YEAR'S ELECTION, MIGHT BE A GOOD DATE. ANABWAY AND WAPAKHABULO BOTH NOTED THE ADVANTAGES OF A SET DATE FOR ORGANIZING ELECTIONS, AS IN THE U.S., AND SAID THAT A NUMBER OF CA DELEGATES HAD SPOKEN OUT IN FAVOR OF THIS IDEA COMMENT: THE NEW CONSTITUTION WILL ALSO DETERMINE WHETHER ANABWAY WHO COMPETENTLY COORDINATED THE CA ELECTIONS, WILL

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SUBJECT: A/S MOOSE'S MEETING WITH UGANDAN
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY LEADERS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE SPENT A PART OF THE MORNING OF AUGUST 1ST IN A PRODUCTIVE MEETING WITH CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN JAMES WAPAKHABULO AND CA COMMISSIONER STEPHEN ANABWAY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO KIGALI, A/S MOOSE ALSO GAVE A WELL ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE. A/S MOOSE'S OTHER MEETINGS ARE BEING REPORTED SEPTELS
END SUMMARY.

A/S MOOSE MEETS WITH CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY LEADERS

3. A/S MOOSE MET WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY JAMES WAPAKHABULO, CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER STEPHEN ANABWAY AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TECHNICAL AFFAIRS VINCENT MUKOSE KIBUUKA ON AUGUST 1. A/S MOOSE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR CARSON, POLOFF AND POLINTERM (NOTETAKER).

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO OBTAIN A STATUS REPORT ON THE DELIBERATIONS ABOUT UGANDA'S DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND TO DEMONSTRATE A/S MOOSE'S SUPPORT FOR THE UGANDAN DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS.

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REMAIN AS PERMANENT ELECTION COMMISSIONER, OR WHETHER
A HIGH COURT JUSTICE WILL BE CHOSEN. THE LATTER
SCENARIO WOULD LIKELY CREATE ADDITIONAL DELAYS AS A
NEW TEAM LEARNS THE ROPES OF COORDINATING AN
ELECTION. END COMMENT.

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8. FOLLOWING THE MEETINGS, A/S MOOSE MET WITH THE
LOCAL PRESS AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS. HE OUTLINED THE
CURRENT STATUS OF RELIEF OPERATIONS IN GOMA, AND THE
ROLE OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN FACILITATING THE
EFFORT.

9. COMMENT. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S BRIEF VISIT
TO UGANDA HELPED TO UNDERSCORE OUR ONGOING INTEREST
IN UGANDA'S DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS, AS WELL AS OUR
APPRECIATION FOR UGANDA'S ASSISTANCE IN RELIEF
EFFORTS FOR RWANDA. END COMMENT.

10. THIS TELEGRAM WAS DRAFTED AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF
ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE.

11. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CARSON

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