

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

Rwanda

June 17, 1993

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TO: Ambassador Albright

THRU: Ambassador Walker

FROM: POL - Robert T. Grey

SUBJECT: SC informals on Rwanda, June 17

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SUMMARY:

We have worked out with the French and the Secretariat acceptable language for a resolution establishing a border force on the Ugandan side of the Rwanda/Uganda border. A delegation from Washington came to New York last week to meet with a delegation from Paris and get all our concerns out in the open. We are now in favor of the border force, and fully behind the resolution. We promised the French that when they tabled their draft resolution we would immediately voice our support in the Council to eliminate any doubts as to whether or not we were now on board.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

- We believe that the mandate of this border monitoring group will need to be implemented in such a way as to minimize the military risks to the observers. We are sure that the UN force commander, as always, will be cognizant of the dangers facing his men.
- We fully support this draft resolution as presented.

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The Security Council,

Reaffirming its resolution 812 (1993) of 12 March 1993,

Taking note of the interim report of the Secretary-General dated 20 May 1993 (S/25810),

Also taking note of the requests of the Governments of Rwanda and Uganda for the deployment of United Nations Observers along their common border (S/25355, S/25356, S/25797),

Further taking note of the joint request of the Government of Rwanda and the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF) concerning the establishment of a neutral international force in Rwanda (S/25951),

Gravely concerned by the potential of renewed fighting in Rwanda and its consequences regarding international peace and security,

Stressing the need for a negotiated political solution, in the framework of the agreements signed by the parties in Arusha, in order to put an end to the conflict in Rwanda,

Paying tribute to the efforts of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the Government of the Republic of Tanzania to promote such a political solution,

Taking note of the ongoing negotiations in Arusha between the Government of Rwanda and the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF),

1. Welcomes with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General (S/25810);
2. Decides to establish the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda - Rwanda (UNOMUR) that will be deployed on the Ugandan side of the border, for an initial period of six months, as set out in the report of the Secretary-General (S/25810), and subject to review every six months, taking into account that the mandate of UNOMUR should end in any case no later than six months after the elections in Rwanda;
3. Decides that UNOMUR should monitor the Uganda/Rwanda border and verify that no transit and transport of lethal weapons and ammunitions occurs by roads or tracks which could accommodate vehicles;

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