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SUBJECT: MFA CONVOKES THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS - PART IC:
-- SITREP 15

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1. **SUMMARY:** UGANDAN AMBASSADOR KATATUMBA VIGOROUSLY ARTICULATED THE GOU POSITION WHICH CONDEMNS THE RWANDAN EXILE INVASION OF RWANDA FROM UGANDAN TERRITORY. THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED HIS COLLEAGUES THAT GOR ARMED FORCES HAD FORCIBLY BREACHED UN PREMISES WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION OCTOBER 6. THE GOR UNDP ALSO SENT A NOTE OF PROTEST. SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES CALLED THE MINISTERS ATTENTION TO THE GOR'S GOOD HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS AND URGED THAT THE RIGHTS OF THOSE ARRESTED AND/OR DETAINED BE SCRUPULOUSLY RESPECTED. THE REMARKS MAY HAVE HIT HOME; AS OF OCTOBER 9, THE STADIUM WHERE REPORTEDLY 1500 RWANDANS WERE HELD, HAS BEEN VACATED. END SUMMARY

2. REF A PROVIDED THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO DIP CORPS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RWANDA. DURING A SPIRITED QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FOREIGN MINISTER BIZIMUNGI AND THE CHIEFS OF MISSIONS MADE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

3. **STATEMENT OF REGRET/CONDEMNATION OF OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES**

THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THE FRENCH, BELGIAN AND ZAIROIS CONDEMNATIONS OF AGGRESSION WERE QUITE CLEAR. WHEN HE SAID THE POSITION OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS WAS LESS CLEAR, IT PROVOKED A NUMBER OF RESPONDERS.

-- **TANZANIA:** TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR DORAH N.J. MBEZI EXPRESSED GOT REGRET AT THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. SHE SAID THE GOT HARBORED NO MALICIOUS INTENTIONS AGAINST RWANDA AND HAD ACTED QUICKLY TO "SECURE THE FRONTIER" IN AN EFFORT TO STOP RWANDAN REFUGEES FROM CROSSING INTO RWANDA.

-- **CANADA AND U.S.:** BOTH REGRETTED THE INVASION AND URGED PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE DIFFERENCES.

-- **UGANDA:** UGANDAN AMBASSADOR J.B.K. KATATUMBA, AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH, CONDEMNED THE ATTACK BY INVADERS OF RWANDAN ORIGIN 100 PERCENT." HE REMINDED THE MINISTER THAT MUSEVENI HAD PERSONALLY CONDEMNED AND REGRETTED THE ATTACK DURING MEETINGS WITH HABYARIMANA IN NEW YORK AND

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WASHINGTON. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT HE HAD TRIED SEVERAL TIMES IN RECENT DAYS TO MAKE THE GOU POSITION KNOWN TO GOR OFFICIALS BUT HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED BEFORE THE TIME OF PRESENT ROUNDTABLE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT UGANDA AND RWANDA WERE NOT FIGHTING EACH OTHER AND THAT GOU PROFOUNDLY REGRETTED THAT INVADING FORCES CAME FROM UGANDA. HE OUTLINED THE FOLLOWING ACTITNS TAKEN BY THE GOUJC

A) GOU FM'S STATEMENT TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS CONDEMNING THE ATTACK AND OUTLINING THE MEASURES GOU HAD TAKEN.

B) GOU TROOPS SEALED BORDER ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

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C) ARREST AND TREASON CHARGES WILL BE BROUGHT AGAINST THOSE WHO RETREAT TO UGANDA. IF CONVICTED, MILITARY WILL BE SUBJECT TO COURT MARTIAL, CIVILIANS TO HANGING.

D) NUMBERS OF RWANDAN REFUGEES HAD BEEN JAILED.
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E) GOU SEEKS FURTHER MEETIG BETWEEN THE TWO HEADS OF STATE. AKATATUMBA ASKED WHAT OTHER MEASURES THE GOR WISHED HIS GOVERNMENT TO TAKE:

"SHALL WE SEND TROOPS? YOU NAME IT AND WE WILL DO IT."

KATATUMBA NOTED THAT NUMEROUS VEHICLES DESTINED FOR RWANDA WERE STRANDED ON THE UGANDA SIDE. HE SAID THE GOU WOULD PARTIALLY OPEN THE BORDER TO PERMIT THEIR PASSGE IF THE GOR BELIEVED IT PRUDENT.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER THANKED THE AMBASSADORS FOR THEIR REMARKS. HE APOLOGIZED TO AMB KATATUMBA FOR HAVING BEEN UNAVAILABLE IN THE PRECEDING FEW DAYS. HE REAFFIRMED THAT BOTH HABYARIMANA AND MUSEVENI HAD MET IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES AND MUSEVENI HAD EXPRESYED HIS REGRET. THE FOREIGN MINISTER THEN DECLARED THAT GOR CONTINUES TO RECEIVE REPORTS THAT REBELS CAN STILL EASILY INFILTRATE RWANDA, AND "VIGOROUS RECRUITMENT DRIVES" CONTINUE. HE CALLED ON KATATUMBA TO VERIFY THE SUBSTANCE OF THESE REPORTS.

TWICE WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH THE DIP CORPS

5. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED TO TWICE WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH THE CORPS. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 11.

ROLE OF BELGIAN, FRENCH FORCES

6. BELGIAN AMBAKSADOR JOHAN SWINNEN AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR

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GEORGES MARTRES EACH IN TURN OUTLINED THE "HUMANITARIAN MISSION" OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MILITARY FORCES IN RWANDA. BOTH ARE HERE TO SECURE THE AIRPORT AND ACCESS ROUTES TO TM AIRPORT, TO PROTECT THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONALS AND TO FACILITATE VOLINTARY DEPARTURE OF THEIR OWN NATIONALS AS WELL AS THAT OF OTHER FOREIGNERS SHOULD IT BE NEEDED.

HUMAN RIGHTS/WELFARE OF RWANDAN DETAINEES

7. THE SWISS REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED DIPLOMATIC CONCERN THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF RWANDANS ARRESTED DURING THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY BE CAREFULLY OBSERVED. HE WONDERED WHETHER FAMILIES OF THOSE QUESTIONED ERE BEING NOTIFIED, WHETHER THE NAMES OF THOSE RRESTED WOULD BE PUBLISHED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD WATTEZ REQUESTED ACCESS TO UN LOCAL STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE IN GOOD HEALTH AND THAT THEIR FOOD NEEDS WERE TAKEN CARE OF. (NOTE - RWANDAN JAILS DO NOT PROVIDE PRISONERS FOOD FAMILY MEMBERS USUALLY FULFILL THIS FUNCTION. END NOTE.)

-- WATTEZ CRITICIZED GOR ARMED FORCES FOR HAVING FORCIBLY ENTERED UNDP PREMISES ON OCTOBER 6 AND SEARCHED THE BUILDING WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION OR JUSTIFICATION. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD SENT A NOTE OF PROTEST AND HAD INFORMED UN HEADQUARTERS.

AA THE PAPAL NUNCIO, ON BEHALF OF THE CORPS, REMINDED THE MINISTER THAT THE GOR MUST ENSURE THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DOES NOT BECOME A TIME FOR INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT: MFA CONVOKES THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS - PART II:

TO "SETTLE SCORES" OR "ACCUSE OTHERS UNJUSTLY." HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS WOULD PREVENT THIS POSSIBILITY.

8. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE NAMES OF THOSE IMPRISONED HAD NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED. HE AGREED THAT "NORMAL LEGAL PROCEDURES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED AND HE PROMISED THE DIPLOMATS THAT GOR WOULD ADHERE TO ITS COMMITMENTS UNDER SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS.

9. LIGHTENING OF CURFEW

FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THE CURFEW WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY LIGHTENED. WORKERS WOULD NOT HAVE TO CARRY SPECIAL PERMITS TO GO TO AND FROM WORK, AS OF OCTOBER 9. MARKETS WILL FROM NOW ON BE OPEN TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS EACH WEEK AND URBAN SHOPS AND OTHER BUSINESS WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY ON NORMAL OPERATIONS.

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10. COMMENT

THE DIPLOMATS' REMARKS ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAD SOME EFFECTS. JOURNALISTS WHO VISITED THE STADIUM WERE REPORTEDLY 1500 RWANDANS HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND HELD OUT IN THE OPEN FOR SEVERAL DAYS UNTIL OCTOBER 6, FOUND ON OCTOBER 7, THAT THE STADIUM IS EMPTY. WE SUSPECT THEY HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE LOCAL JAILS.

11. THE UGANDAN AMBASSADOR KATAHUMBA GAVE A SPIRITED STATEMENT OF GOU POSITION WHICH MANY FOUND PERSUASIVE. THE GOR IS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF ARMED ESCORT FOR THE TRUCKS HEADED HERE. THEY HAVE ALSO PROMISED SPECIAL SECURITY TO KATAHUMBA AND HIS CHANCERY. END COMMENT
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