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The President of the Security Council presents his compliments to the members of the Council and has the honour to transmit herewith, for their information, copies of a letter dated 29 July 1993, from the Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council and its enclosure.

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RWANDESE REPUBLIC

Permanent Mission to the United Nations

New York, 29 July 1993

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your information and any appropriate action, the text of the statement made by the President of the Rwandese Republic to the heads of diplomatic and consular missions on 26 July 1993.

On that occasion, the Head of the Rwandese State informed the international community that the peace negotiations between the Rwandese Government and the Rwandese Patriotic Front which had been proceeding at Kinyihira, Rwanda since 19 July 1993 had ended on 25 July 1993.

He emphasized that no items could be returned to the negotiating table and that agreement had been reached on all the items which had remained under discussion since the suspension of the Arusha talks.

The Head of State indicated that with the agreement of the two parties, the representative of the Facilitator (the United Republic of Tanzania) had announced that the date of the signing of the Peace Agreement at Arusha would be set in the first week of August 1993.

In that regard, I wish to announce that 4 August 1993 has just been chosen as the date for the signing of the Peace Agreement.

I also wish to emphasize the profound gratitude expressed by the Head of State, in particular to the United Nations for its tireless support in the negotiating process which has just been completed, and his appeal that the Neutral International Force that is to monitor the implementation of the Peace Agreement should be made available as soon as possible.

In this context, after reiterating the heartfelt tribute paid to the Security Council by the Government and people of Rwanda for the invaluable support it has given to the cause of peace in Rwanda, I should like to take this opportunity to repeat the sincere wish that the United Nations, as a matter of urgency, send a reconnaissance mission to Rwanda to evaluate the requirements of the Neutral International Force.

The President of the Security Council
New York

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At the same time, I wish to express the concern of the Rwandese Government regarding the considerable delay in the implementation of Security Council resolution 846 (1993) on the deployment of military observers on the border between Rwanda and Uganda within the framework of UNOMUR.

The Government of Rwanda, which considers this operation to be of the greatest importance in that it constitutes a guarantee for the success of the peace process in Rwanda, including the implementation of the Peace Agreement, requests the Security Council to do everything possible to ensure that UNOMUR is deployed as soon as possible.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed] Jean-Damascène BIZIMANA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Rwanda to the United Nations

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Rwandese Republic
Office of the President of the Republic

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC TO THE HEADS
OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS ON 26 JULY 1993

Monsignor the Apostolic Nuncio,

Your Excellencies the Ambassadors,

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps and representatives of international organizations,

I felt it was important to meet with you today to announce that the negotiations between the Rwandese Government and the Rwandese Patriotic Front which have been proceeding at Kinyihira since 19 July 1993 ended yesterday evening. No item can be returned to the negotiating table and agreement has been reached on all the items which have remained under discussion since the suspension of the Arusha talks.

Thus, with the agreement of both parties, the representative of the Facilitator at Kinyihira, Minister Rwegasira, announced that the date for the signing of the Peace Agreement at Arusha, in Tanzania, will be set in the first week of August. He has promised to announce this date as soon as possible after his return to Dar es Salaam.

This is very good news, for everybody has been impatiently awaiting the end of the negotiations which began in October 1990. The people of Rwanda and all the countries that are friends of Rwanda, of which you are the representatives, have been waiting for this good news.

The end of the negotiations proves not only that the Government and the Rwandese Patriotic Front are resolutely determined to end the fratricidal war, but also that they are determined to effect a reconciliation among the sons and daughters of Rwanda and enable them to work together to rebuild and develop their homeland.

The successful conclusion of the peace negotiations is the outcome of many high-level meetings, organized at Mwanza in the United Republic of Tanzania on 17 October 1990, at Gbadolite in the Republic of Zaire on 20 November 1990, at Zanzibar in the United Republic of Tanzania on 17 February 1991, and at Dar es Salaam in the United Republic of Tanzania on 19 February 1991, and yet other meetings. It is also the outcome of arduous discussions during the different stages of the negotiations organized in the Republic of Zaire under the auspices of Marshal Mobutu Sese Seko, in his capacity as Mediator, and at Arusha, in the United Republic of Tanzania, since July 1992, and at Kinyihira, in our own country, during the past week, under the auspices of President Ali Hassan Mwinyi, in his capacity as Facilitator of those negotiations.

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I should like to take this opportunity to pay a heartfelt tribute to the Mediator, the Facilitator, the observer countries and all other friendly countries and all international organizations which have taken particular interest in the conflict in Rwanda since the beginning of the war and have supported the efforts of the two parties in the negotiations aimed at seeking a peaceful solution.

It is thanks to their backing and tireless support that a successful outcome has been reached. Indeed, one Agreement and three Protocols of Agreement have already been signed. These are:

The N'sele Cease-fire Agreement of 29 March 1991, amended at Gbadolite on 16 September 1991 and at Arusha on 12 July 1992;

The Protocol of Agreement on the Rule of Law, signed at Arusha on 18 August 1992;

The Protocol of Agreement on the Repatriation of Rwandese Refugees and the Resettlement of Displaced Persons, signed at Arusha on 9 June 1993.

Work on two other Protocols of Agreement was begun at Arusha during the last round of negotiations and they have just been finalized at Kinyihira. The results of the agreements reached on the items formerly left pending were initialled yesterday by the two delegations in the presence of the Facilitator, thus finalizing the last two Protocols of Agreement, which will be officially signed at Arusha shortly before the signing of the Peace Agreement. These are:

The Protocol of Agreement on the integration of the armed forces of the two parties;

The Protocol of Agreement on miscellaneous questions and final provisions.

The Peace Agreement, which includes all six of the above-mentioned Protocols of Agreement, was also finalized at Kinyihira. I should like, therefore, to take this opportunity to confirm before domestic and international opinion my determination to sign this Peace Agreement. I was only waiting for the end of the negotiations pertaining thereto. Now that the two parties have agreed on the final text, I am, accordingly, ready to reply to the invitation from my brother and friend, President Ali Hassan Mwinyi of the United Republic of Tanzania, and to sign, on behalf of all Rwandese, the Peace Agreement which will be the basis for national reconciliation and the rebuilding of the country, two basic elements of our future life, for which we pray.

The Peace Agreement, which will be signed next week, as I announced to you, will provide for the return of Rwandese refugees and the resettlement on their lands of those displaced by war. It will thus put an end to the inhuman living conditions endured in the course of their wanderings outside and even within the country.

In order to make that possible, I have resolved to take the steps required for genuine and thoroughgoing national reconciliation.

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On the one hand, prior to the signing of the Peace Agreement, it was necessary for the political bodies and even the entire Rwandese population to be informed of the content of the various Protocols and the Peace Agreement. The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation was able to present a summary and outline the spirit of the Peace Agreement to the Council of Ministers and the Assembly of the National Development Council.

Through the members of these bodies, and following the dissemination of the summary of these Protocols by the mass media, the Rwandese people has accurately assessed the importance of the signing of the Peace Agreement. This favourable attitude on the part of the entire population will enable us to implement the Peace Agreement under propitious circumstances.

Moreover, we have urged and are still urging each Rwandese, regardless of his social status and political sensitivities, to advocate reconciliation and to prepare himself to greet his brothers with open arms upon their return from an exile shaped by our sociopolitical history. We are firmly committed to overcoming the emotional pain which we have inflicted on one another and to building a new Rwanda, based on the rule of law.

~~Through you, I call upon the international community to continue to support us in this historic task of national reconciliation.~~

This programme requires many kinds of support in the following areas:

1. The integration of the two formerly belligerent armies and the formation of a single national army;
2. The reintegration of thousands of demobilized soldiers into the sociopolitical life of the country;
3. The repatriation of refugees and their reintegration into the sociopolitical life of the country;
4. The resettlement on their lands of persons displaced by war;
5. The rebuilding and economic rehabilitation of the country;
6. The strengthening of the democratic process and the holding of free elections, following the transition period.

The carrying out of all these programmes of support for national reconciliation requires the prior establishment, within the time-limits agreed on by the two Parties, of transitional institutions incorporating the Rwandese Patriotic Front (RPF). For this reason, while thanking the international organizations, the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, for their tireless support throughout all stages of the negotiations just ended, I call upon them again, on behalf of the Rwandese people, to join forces promptly, in order to make available, as soon as possible, the Neutral International Force deriving from the implementation of the Peace Agreement.

The presence in Rwanda of a Neutral International Force was agreed to by the Rwandese Government and RPF as the prerequisite for the establishment of a

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broad-based transitional Government and the formation of a national army following the disengagement of the two armed forces.

The best way of expressing my gratitude, on behalf of all Rwandese, to all those who helped us to reach the Peace Agreement, for which the final negotiations ended yesterday at Kinyira, is to reconfirm, in an unshakeable manner, my firm determination and that of the Rwandese Government and people to implement the Peace Agreement which is to be signed next week.

At the same time, I again pay tribute to all those who have contributed to the success of the peace negotiations since the outbreak of war in October 1990. To all, the Rwandese people express their gratitude for having enabled them to put an end to an inhuman war which has caused them so much suffering.

May Heaven allow all the participants to mobilize for the maintenance of peace and security, and may each one be convinced of the need for strict observance of the Peace Agreement.

Thank you.

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