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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. SUMMARY. THE GOVERNMENT-OF RWANDA (GOR) AND THE BUANDAM PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) HET IN PLENARY SESSION 4/38 TO GIVE OBSERVERS A STATUS REPORT ON THE GENDARMERIE ISSUE. THE TWO SIDES HAVE MOVED ON TO "OTHER SECURITY ORGANS", EVEN THOUGH THERE REMAINS DISAGREEMENT OVER AN RPF PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE THE GENDARMERIE IN THE FORCE INTEGRATION PROCESS. THEY ALSO PLAN TO DISCUSS DEMOBILIZATION AND SUPERVISORY ORGANS REFORE RETURNING TO THE ISSUE OF FORCE PROPORTIONS. TANZANIA'S DEFENSE HINISTER PLANS TO BE PRESENT IN ARUSHA IN ABOUT A WEEK OR TEN DAYS TO HELP RESOLVE THIS CRUCIAL ISSUE. THIS CABLE HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE U.S. OBSERVER TO THE TALKS WHO IS TEMPORARILY IN MAIROBL. END SUMMARY.

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3. THE GOR AND THE RPF PRESENTED OBSERVERS AT THE RWANDA PEACE TALKS IN ARUSHA A 12-PAGE DOCUMENT OUTLINING THEIR AGREED POSITIONS ON THE GENDARMERIE AT A PLENARY MEETING 4/30. THO OUTSTANDING ISSUES ARE NOTED IN BRACKETS. ONE STENS FROM GOVERNMENT RESISTENCE TO AN RPF DEMAND THAT THE GENDARMERIE BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME INTEGRATION PROCESS AS THE ARMY. INCLUDING DISARMAMENT, CONFINEMENT TO ASSEMBLY POINTS, AND INTEGRATION. THE GOVERNMENT CHALLENGED THE RPF TO DEMONSTRATE HOW THE RPF GOAL OF SECURITY FOR ITSELF AND THE POPULATION COULD BE ASSURED UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. THE RPF BELIEVES SECURITY WILL BE ASSURED DURING THIS PROCESS BY THE INTERNATIONAL

FORCE SUPERVISING FORCE INTEGRATION. RESOLUTION OF THIS DISPUTE HAS BEEN DEFERRED WATEL AFTER AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON THE NATURE AND MISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISORY FORCE (AGENDA ITEM 4). THE

NAIROB 89781 89 OF 83 831356Z OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUE CONCERNS "FORMULATION" OF GENDARHE DEPLOYMENT. THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT ON THE PRINCIPLE. (A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT IS BEING FAXED TO AF/C.)

OTHER SECURITY SERVICES

4. THE TWO SIDES BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF OTHER SECURITY SERVICES 5/2 WITH A PRESENTATION BY THE RPF OF ITS CONCERNS. FOREIGN MINISTER NGULINZERA TOLD U.S. OBSERVER AFTER THE INITIAL SESSION THAT THE RPF PROPOSES THE TWO SIDES PROVIDE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SECURITY SERVICES TO THE NEW. ENLARGED GOVERNMENT. HIS DELIGHT AT AVOIDING PROLONGED WRANGLING IN ARUSHA WAS EVIDENT, AND HE PREDICTED THE ISSUE MIGHT BE RESOLVED IN ONE HORE SESSION.

PROPORTIONS

S. THE TANZANIAN FACILITATOR STILL INTENDS TO DEFER THE ISSUE OF FORCE PROPORTIONS TO THE END OF THE MILITARY TALKS. THE TANZANIAN DEFENSE MINISTER, WHO ASSISTED IN THE FACILITATOR'S EARLIER SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY ON THIS ISSUE, WAS IN ARUSHA OVER THE WEEKEND, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE CONTACT WITH THE TWO SIDES. HE TOLD THE U.S. OBSERVER THAT HE INTENDS TO

RETURN TO ARUSHA IN ABOUT A WEEK OR TEN DAYS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON FORCE PROPORTIONS. GOR FOREIGN MINISTER INDICATED HE EXPECTS LITTLE DIFFICULTY ON REACHING AGREEMENT ON THIS ISSUE WHEN NEGOTIATIONS ARE RESUMED ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

INTERNATIONAL FORCE

6. THE "SUPERVISORY ORGANS" AGENDA ITEM WILL FOCUS ON THE NATURE AND MISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORCE REQUESTED TO HELP RWANDA INPLEMENT THE PEACE AGREEMENT, IN PARTICULAR THE DISARHAMENT, INTEGRATION AND DEMOBILIZATION OF FORCES. ALTHOUGH CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION SURROUNDS WHAT IS DESIRABLE AND WHAT IS POSSIBLE, A CONCEPT IS EMERGING WHEREBY AN OAU-LED, UN-ASSISTED OBSERVER FORCE WOULD OPERATE NOW IN THE BUFFER ZONE AND A UN-LED. DAU-ASSISTED PEACEKEEPING FORCE WOULD COME IN AFTER A PEACE ACCORD IS SIGNED TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTATION. IN SUCH A SCENARIO, THE DAU-LED FORCE, ENVISIONED AT ABOUT 580 HEN, WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PLAY A BRIDGING ROLE FROM THE THE THE ACCORDS WERE SIGNED UNTIL A UN FORCE COULD BE IN PLACE, ESTIMATED AT A THREE-MONTH MINIMUM.

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8. UN INVOLVEMENT BEFORE THE PEACE ACCORD IS SIGNED APPEARS OUT OF THE QUESTION.	i	
DEMOBIL IZATION		
9. THIS ISSUE IS LIKELY TO RUN INTO A FEW HURDLES. THERE SEEMS TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE DEMOBILIZATION STRATEGY SHOULD HAVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS AS ITS CENTERPIECE.	1	
CONHENT 19. ALTHOUGH PROGRESS IS SLOW, THE TWO SIDES REMAIN CORDIAL AND ISSUES CONTINUE TO HAVE A FULL AIRING.		

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