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ACTION

Dear Ambassador,

We understand that the Security Council will consider a resolution drafted by you on Rwanda tonight. We very much welcome this initiative. We hope the resolution will increase the mandate and strength of UNAMIR. We believe it is vital that UNAMIR has a mandate and capacity to protect civilians by establishing secure areas in Kigali, and in the north, south and west of Rwanda, as well as protect the delivery of relief. Some examples of areas that should be protected include Cyangugu, Gitarama, Kabgayi and Gisenyi, all of which have pockets of civilians threatened by militias.

As part of increasing UNAMIR's mandate we believe the UNSC should invoke chapter VII of the UN charter. This would ensure the UN troops have the means to do the job properly and send a very clear message to those committing atrocities that the UN means business.

In addition we believe UN human rights monitors should form part of a UNAMIR force to monitor, bear witness and respond to human rights abuses.

Given the urgency of the situation we hope your resolution will set a deadline for the dispatch of extra troops, including an advance party in the next few days.

If there is anything we can do to support your efforts please let me know.

Your sincerely,

David Bryer
 Director

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