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SUBJECT: RWANDA NEGOTIATIONS WEEKEND UPDATE

- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT:
- 2. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED BY USG ARUSHA MILITARY OBSERVER MARLEY:

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### BEGIN TEXT:

- 3. SUMMARY: THE GOR AND RPF HELD CORDIAL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND, WITHOUT ADDRESSING ANYTHING OF SUBSTANCE. THE OAU SECRETARY GENERAL, DURING A BRIEF STOPOVER ENROUTE BACK TO ADDIS ABABA FROM HARARE, INDICATED THAT AN ENLARGED NMOG SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL BY MID-APRIL. END SUMMARY.
- 4. THE GOR AND RPF DELEGATIONS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT CORDIAL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND, MEETING TWICE ON 3 APRIL AND AGAIN ON THE AFTERNOON OF 4 APRIL. DESPITE THE HOURS OF DIRECT CONTACT AND THE CONSTANT FLURRY OF APPARENT ACTIVITY, NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE WAS AGREED TO OVER THE WEEKEND. FAILING TO MAKE ANY BREAKTHROUGHS, THE DELEGATIONS AGREED ON 4 APRIL TO CREATE A JOINT COMMITTEE FROM THEIR MILITARY MEMBERS TO REDUCE AND FORMALIZE ON PAPER ALL THE DETAILS THAT HAVE BEEN AGREED TO DURING THE PAST THREE WEEKS ON THE STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE ARMY. THE COMMITTEE,

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  WHICH LABORED THROUGHOUT THE EVENING OF 4 APRIL, IS TO SUBMIT ITS DRAFT FOR REVIEW BY BOTH DELEGATIONS ON 5 APRIL AT 1000 HOURS.
- 5. THE TWO PARTIES ARE STILL AT ODDS OVER THE NAME AND AUTHORITY OF THE RPF'S PROPOSED "HIGH COMMAND." THE RPF SEEKS A PERMANENT ORGAN INTERPOSED BETWEEN THE DEFENSE MINISTER AND THE ARMY STAFF, WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TRANSLATING THE MINISTER'S POLICY GUIDANCE INTO MILITARY ORDERS AND OF ENSURING THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE ARMY. THE GOR PREFERS A "HIGH MILITARY COUNCIL" THAT WOULD SIMPLY ADVISE THE CHIEF OF STAFF ON ISSUES OF MILITARY DISCIPLINE AND OPERATING PROCEDURES. BOTH PARTIES VIEW THE ORGAN AS A POTENTIALLY USEFUL MEANS OF CONFIDENCE BUILDING AND ARE AGREED ON ITS MEMBERSHIP: THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, THE FOUR BRIGADE COMMANDERS AND THEIR DEPUTIES (A TOTAL OF TEN PERSONNEL). THE RPF WANTS TO ESTABLISH COLLECTIVE (JOINT) RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MILITARY; THE GOR PREFERS A MORE CONVENTIONAL COMMAND STRUCTURE. WHILE ALLOWING JOINT OVERSIGHT, BOTH PARTIES SPENT SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY DISCUSSING THE ISSUE WITH MILITARY OBSERVERS FROM BELGIUM, FRANCE AND THE U.S. WITH THE GOAL OF UNDERSTANDING THE POLITICAL-MILITARY

6. THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT (FOR THE RWANDA NEGOTIATIONS) OF THE WEEKEND WAS THE 40 MINUTE STOPOVER AT KILIMANJARO AIRPORT OF THE OAU SECRETARY GENERAL ON SUNDAY MORNING. SALIM SALIM WAS RETURNING TO ADDIS ABABA FROM THE FRONTLINE STATES MEETING IN HARARE. DURING HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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STATE 102691 061335Z PAGE 04 BRIEF STOP, THE SECRETARY GENERAL MET WITH TANZANIA'S KASIM MUWABO, FELLI OF THE OAU, FOREIGN MINISTER NGULINZIRA AND AMBASSADOR KANYARISHAKE OF THE GOR, AND BIZIMUNGU AND MAZANPHAKA OF THE RPF. THE OAU SYG EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE SLOW PACE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND URGED BOTH PARTIES TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS TO RAPIDLY REACH A PEACE AGREEMENT. SALIM SALIM REPORTEDLY CHALLENGED THE GOR CONCERNING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE OAU'S NEUTRAL MILITARY OBSERVERS GROUP (NMOG), SAYING THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM VISITING UN REP. PEDARNOU THAT THE GOR LACKS CONFIDENCE IN NMOG AND THAT IF THAT IS THE CASE, HE WAS DISAPPOINTED NOT TO HEAR IT DIRECTLY FROM THE GOR. FORIMIN NGULINZIRA INDICATED THAT THE GOR HAD CONFIDENCE IN NMOG'S NEUTRALITY AND GOOD INTENTIONS, BUT THAT IT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT NMOG'S CAPABILITY TO ADEQUATELY MONITOR THE NEUTRAL BUFFER ZONE. SALIM INDICATED THAT TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES WERE COMING ON LINE, AND THAT THE EXPANDED NMOG WOULD BE OPERATIONAL BY 15 APRIL. NOTE: THE OAU'S FELLI STATED THAT ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES REQUESTED TO PROVIDE TROOPS TO NMOG HAVE REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND THAT A TOKEN ELEMENT OF EACH COUNTRY WAS EXPECTED TO BE WITH NMOG BY MID-APRIL. END NOTE. SALIM WENT ON TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT MUGABE OF ZIMBABWE WAS SO DISGUSTED WITH EVENTS IN RWANDA THAT INSTEAD OF INCREASING ZIMBABWE'S PRESENCE IN NMOG, MUGABE HAD PLANNED TO WITHDRAW THOSE OFFICERS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO NMOG. THE OAU SYG'S PLEAS CAUSED MUGABE TO CHANGE HIS MIND, HOWEVER. ZIMBABWE WILL NOT WITHDRAW, BUT IT WILL ALSO NOT EXPAND ITS NMOG PARTICIPATION. IN AN EFFORT TO MEND FENCES AND SHOW GOOD WILL, THE GOR DELEGATION INVITED SALIM SALIM TO VISIT CONFIDENTIAL

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KIGALI BETWEEN 7-11 APRIL AND THE OAU SYG PROMISED TO ENDEAVOR TO DO SO.

7. THE RETURN OF THE TANZANIAN FACILITATOR, AMI MYUNGWE, WAS DELAYED UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF 5 APRIL, DELAYING THE RESUMPTION OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS BY ANOTHER DAY. IT IS HOPED THAT THE TALKS CAN BE SERIOUSLY RESUMED ON 6 APRIL.

#### END TEXT

8. MARLEY REPORTED LATER THAT MYUNGWE HAD NOT YET RETURNED, BUT THAT RPF LEADERS KAGAME AND KANYARENGWE WERE IN TANZANIA AND EXPECTED TO HOLD MEETINGS WITH THE TANZANIAN PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER APRIL 5 AND 6. CHRISTOPHER

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