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E.O.12356: DECL 12/31/95 TAGS: PREL, PHUM, RW, NL, UN SUBJECT: RWANDA WAR CRIMES

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2. SUMMARY: UN LEGAL COUNSEL CORELL CONVENED MEETING P-5 MISSION LEGAL ADVISERS MEETING PM 9/23. CORELL INDICATED SECRETARIAT WOULD BE PREPARING STUDY ON MATTER. FRENCH AND RUSSIANS REITERATED PREFERENCE FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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PAGE 02 USUN N 04014 232312Z LEGALLY SEPARATE ENTITY; UK AND CHINESE INDICATED OPEN MIND. CORELL EXPRESSED VIEW EITHER APPROACH COULD WORK AND PROFESSED AN OPEN MIND, BUT SEEMED TO LEAN TOWARD FRENCH/RUSSIAN POSITION. HE SAID HE EXPECTS INTERIM REPORT FROM RWANDA COMMISSION BY END OF MONTH. END SUMMARY.

3. UN LEGAL COUNSEL CORELL CONVENED MEETING OF P-5 LEGAL ADVISERS FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HANDLING OF RWANDAN CRIMES. CORELL OPENED MEETING BY SUMMARIZING EARLIER EXPRESSED P-5 VIEWS. HE

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SAID HE BELIEVED FRANCE, RUSSIA, UK, US AGREED THERE SHOULD BE AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL, BUT DID NOT ENTIRELY AGREE ON FORM AND THAT CHINA NEITHER ADVOCATED NOR OPPOSED A TRIBUNAL.

4. US, FRANCE (LEGAL) AND RUSSIA (KAREV) CONFIRMED EXISTING VIEWS IN FAVOR RESPECTIVELY OF AMENDING YUGOSLAV TRIBUNAL (US) AND CREATING NEW LEGAL ENTITY FOR RWANDA WITH LINKS TO YUGOSLAV TRIBUNAL INCLUDING COMMON APPELATE CHAMBER (FRANCE AND RUSSIA). KAREV SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF THIS VIEW FROM MOSCOW. CORELL OPINED THAT HE DID NOT THINK IT NECESSARY TO CHANGE JURISDICTION RE YUGOSLAVIA IN ORDER TO ADD JURISDICTION FOR RWANDA. LEGAL SAID FRANCE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO ANY CHANGE IN THE JURISDICTION AS IT APPLIED TO YUGOSLAVIA. KAREV ECHOED LIKE VIEW.

5. USUN LEGAL ADVISER ASKED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WITH THE JURISDICTION PARAGRAPHS IN THE US PROPOSAL. CORELL SAID HE HADN'T FINISHED CONFIDENTIAL

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PAGE 03 USUN N 04014 232312Z STUDYING THE MATTER, BUT DISLIKED UNDOING WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROVED. HE RECALLED THAT THERE HAD BEEN MANY DELEGATIONS WITH IDEAS FOR REDRAFTING THE JURISDICTION ARTICLES OF THE YUGOSLAV TRIBUNAL AND PANDORA'S BOX HAD NOT BEEN OPENED ONLY BECAUSE ALL CONCERNED AGREED TO ACCEPT SYG'S DRAFT AND ADOPT IT AS IS. HE SAID HE FEARED AN ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THOSE ARTICLES AS THEY APPLIED TO YUGOSLAVIA WOULD LEAD TO UNRAVELING THE AGREEMENT ACHIEVED BY SC RES 827. USUN LEGAL ADVISER SUGGESTED THE US PROPOSALS BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR MERITS AND IF THEY PROVED CONTROVERSIAL, ONE COULD ALWAYS FALL BACK TO THE STATUS QUO PLUS ADDITIONAL ARTICLES JUST FOR RWANDA. CORELL AND LEGAL WERE NOT CONVINCED.

6. CORELL NOTED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE MOST OR PERHAPS ANY OF THE TRIALS IN THE HAGUE AND IF IT WAS DECIDED, AS HE THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE, TO HAVE TRIALS IN AFRICA, THE FINANCIAL SAVINGS IN SIMPLY AMENDING THE YUGOSLAV TRIBUNAL WOULD NOT BE MEASURABLE. US REPLIED THAT EVEN IF THAT WERE ALL TRUE, TAKING OVER RULES, REGULATIONS AND OTHER UP AND RUNNING ASPECTS OF YUGOSLAV TRIBUNAL NOT TO MENTION AVOIDING A REPITITION OF THE PROSECUTOR PROBLEM WOULD ALL AMOUNT TO IMPORTANT

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SAVINGS IN OTHER AND MORE IMPORTANT TERMS AS WELL AS IMPORTANTLY EXPEDITING MATTERS. CORELL ACKNOWLEDGED POINT AND AGREED TO REFLECT FURTHER.

7. A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE TEMPORAL JURISDICTION RE RWANDA INDICATED WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR APRIL 1, 1994. NONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS WERE PREPARED TO EXPRESS A CONFIDENTIAL

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PAGE 04 USUN N 04014 232312Z POSITION ON THE US PROPOSAL CONCERNING APPLICATION BEYOND THE TERRITORY OF RWANDA THOUGH THEY ALL SEEMED CONVINCED BY US VIEW THAT FAILURE TO COVER EVENTS OUTSIDE RWANDA LEADING UP TO APRIL 6 AND FAILURE TO COVER RECENT EVENTS IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS WOULD BE INEXPLICABLE. LEGAL, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SOME COUNTRIES NEIGHBORNING ON RWANDA MI GHT OBJECT ON POLITICAL GROUNDS.

8. CORELL CONCLUDED MEETING BY SAYING HE WOULD SCHEDULE ANOTHER SUCH MEETING IN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS WHEN HIS THINKING AND STAFF WORK WERE MORE ADVANCED. US STRESSED THAT ONCE RWANDA COMMISSION INTERIM REPORT WAS OUT OR END OF SEPTEMBER, WHICHEVER CAME FIRST, WE WOULD WANT TO MOVE VERY RAPIDLY. ZACKLIN (UN DEPUTY AND LEGAL ADVISER) SAID HE GATHERED RWANDANS ALSO WANTED TO MOVE RAPIDLY AND WERE BEGINNING TO COMPLAIN THAT COURT WAS NOT ALREADY IN EXISTENCE. ALBRIGHT

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