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AT THE ARUSHA TALKS, JOYCE LEADER.

1. SIGNING DATE. THE TANZANIANS CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THAT THE PEACE ACCORD IS TO BE SIGNED JUNE 19. HOWEVER, SEVERAL ISSUES REMAIN UNSOLVED, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT INVITATIONS TO THE SIGNING CEREMONY HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN EXTENDED. WHILE BOTH SIDES ARE PUSHING TO MEET THIS DEADLINE, THERE IS A GROWING SENSE THAT THE JUNE 24-25 TIMEFRAME MAY BE MORE REALISTIC. AMBASSADOR MPUNGWE ADVISED U.S. OBSERVER PRIVATELY THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA HAD INDICATED HIS AVAILABILITY FOR THESE DATES.

2. ISSUES REMAINING. MAJOR DIFFERENCES REMAIN ONLY OVER APPLICATION OF THE 50-50 RATIO TO THE COMMAND STRUCTURE OF THE ARMY AND GENDARMERIE. THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO INTEGRATE THE GENDARMERIE VIA TRAINING OVER AN 8-MONTH PERIOD, BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET SETTLED ON THE NUMBER OF GENDARMES TO REMAIN ON ACTIVE DUTY TO ASSURE SECURITY IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE PROCESS. AGREEMENT ON EARLY FORMATION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAGE 03 DAR ES 03147 01 OF 02 1613232 BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY NOW THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO BE FLEXIBLE ABOUT THE MEETING SITE AND TO ACCEPT NMOG-PROVIDED SECURITY, A LA KINIHIRA, IN THE ABSENCE OF A NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL FORCE (NIF). FINAL DECISION ON DURATION OF THE TRANSITION IS PENDING. A SMALL GROUP IS STUDYING CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN THE PEACE ACCORD AND THE CONSTITUTION.

3. WHAT WILL BE SIGNED. PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AND RPF CHAIRMAN KANYARENGWE WILL SIGN A 2-3 PAGE STATEMENT, THAT WILL REFERENCE THE FIVE PROTOCOLS AND MAKE THE ENTIRE PACKAGE THE PEACE ACCORD. THE GOVERNMENT HAS PREPARED A DRAFT WHICH THE RPF HAS YET TO REVIEW. THE FIFTH PROTOCOL, ON MILITARY ISSUES, HAS YET TO BE CONCLUDED AND SIGNED. THE REGIONAL HEADS OF STATE WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN A DECLARATION REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENTS THEY MADE ON REFUGEE RETURN IN THE 1991 DAR ES SALAAM DECLARATION.

4. ROLE OF COUNTRY OBSERVERS. COUNTRY OBSERVERS HAVE BEEN ESSENTIALLY SIDELINED IN THE LAST WEEK AS THE FACILITATOR HAS SHUTTLED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES IN

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AN EFFORT TO NARROW DIFFERENCES. OTHER THAN THE ONE BRIEFING BY MINISTER KINANA, WHICH ALLOWED FOR FEW QUESTIONS AND NO INPUT, THE OBSERVERS DEPEND ON VARIOUS SOURCES THAT ARE LIKELY TO OFFER CONTRADICTORY REPORTS OF THE STATE OF PLAY. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A DELIBERATE STRATEGY BY THE TANZANIANS TO LIMIT THE ROLE OF THE FRENCH WHO HAVE BEEN COUNSELING THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST COMPROMISE ON THE ARMY AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. UN/OAU COOPERATION. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RPF SENT A JOINT LETTER TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL JUNE 11 ASKING FOR A UN-LED PEACEKEEPING FORCE TO BE DEPLOYED IN RWANDA AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE SIGNING OF A PEACE ACCORD. THE LETTER DEFINED THE MISSIONS THE TWO SIDES ENVISION FOR THE FORCE AND ASKED THAT A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION BE SENT TO RWANDA IMMEDIATELY TO CONDUCT A NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PERFORM PRELIMINARY PEACEKEEPING TASKS SUCH AS IDENTIFICATION OF TROOP ASSEMBLY POINTS AND WEAPONS STORAGE DEPOTS. UN OBSERVER HAS ASKED HIS SUPERIORS FOR RAPID RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR A RECONNAISSANCE

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UNCLASSIFIED ABOUT SIX WEEKS AFTER A PEACE ACCORD IS SIGNED.

6. COMMENT: U.S. OBSERVER RECOMMENDS USG SUPPORT FOR RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF A UN RECONNAISSANCE MISSION TO RWANDA.

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