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UNCLASSIFIED THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS PROVIDED BY THE US OBSERVER AT THE ARUSHA TALKS, JOYCE LEADER.

SUMMARY: TANZANIA'S DEFENSE MINISTER URGED BOTH 1. THE GOR AND THE RPF TO PICK UP THE PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS IN A TOUGH STATEMENT AT A PLENARY SESSION MAY 25. HE PROPOSED A TIMETABLE THAT CALLS FOR DISCUSSION OF MILITARY ISSUES TO END MAY 30 OR BE CONTINUED CONCURRENTLY WITH REFUGEE ISSUES BEGINNING MAY 31, WITH THE TALKS ON ALL ISSUES CONCLUDING JUNE 6. BOTH SIDES ACCEPTED TO TRY TO ABIDE BY THIS SCHEDULE. WHILE DIFFERENCES REMAIN ON SEVERAL MILITARY ISSUES, BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT FORCE PROPORTIONS IS THE ONLY MAJOR OUTSTANDING PROBLEM. ALTHOUGH JUNE 6 APPEARS TOTALLY UNREALISTIC AS A CONCLUDING DATE FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS, GIVEN THE SERIOUS POLITICAL ISSUES REMAINING, MAY 31 MAY WELL MARK THE START OF REFUGEE DISCUSSIONS WITH MILITARY TALKS CONTINUING ON THE SIDE. END SUMMARY.

2. TOUGH TALK. AT A MAY 25 PLENARY SESSION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAGE 03 DAR ES 02769 01 OF 02 270642Z TANZANIAN DEFENSE MINISTER KINANA, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE FACILITATOR, PRESIDENT MWINYI, CALLED ON THE GOR AND THE RPF TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THE PEACE PROCESS BY PICKING UP THE PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS. KINANA SAID THERE SOMETIMES SEEMS TO BE A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO STALL THE TALKS AND NOTED THAT THE LEVEL OF MISTRUST BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES SEEMS TO GROW DESPITE EFFORTS BY THE FACILITATOR AND OBSERVERS TO RESTORE TRUST BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. HE URGED BOTH SIDES TO RESPECT THE ADVICE OF THE FACILITATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE AS SINCERE, HONEST AND OBJECTIVE (A SWIPE AT THE RPF FOR CHALLENGING THE FACILITATOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESISTING ADVICE LAST WEEK). HE SAID THE TWO SIDES SHOULD AVOID UNNECESSARY DETAIL -- NOT ALL TRANSITION ISSUES CAN BE SOLVED IN ARUSHA -- AND "DESIST" FROM INTRODUCING NEW ISSUES INTO THE AGENDA. DETAIL, HE SAID, CANNOT SUBSTITUTE FOR COMMITMENT TO THE PROCESS.

3. NEW TIMETABLE. KINANA PROPOSED THAT MILITARY NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDE MAY 30 AND THAT REFUGEE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN MAY 31. HE SUGGESTED THE ENTIRE NEGOTIATION PROCESS BE CONCLUDED JUNE 6. MILITARY

UNCLASSIFIED MATTERS PENDING AS OF MAY 30 SHOULD BE TREATED CONCURRENTLY WITH REFUGEE ISSUES.

4. GOR MARKER. FOREIGN MINISTER NGULINZIRA REITERATED GOR CONFIDENCE IN THE FACILITATOR AND COMMITMENT TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HE AGREED TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS, SAID ALL ISSUES CANNOT BE SOLVED IN ARUSHA, AND ACCEPTED THE PROPOSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAGE 04 DAR ES 02769 01 OF 02 270642Z TIMETABLE. HE ADDED THAT HE APPRECIATED THE FACILITATOR'S DECISION NOT TO SEEK ADJOURNMENT, WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE A "DANGEROUS" COURSE.

5. RPF DEFENSIVE. RPF DELEGATION HEAD BIZIMUNGU SAID THE RPF WOULD TRY TO HONOR TE PROPOSED TIMETABLE AND HAS NO PROBLEM DISCUSSING MILITARY AND REFUGEE ISSUES CONCURRENTLY. HE SAID THE RPF HAD TRIED TO SPEED UP NEGOTIATIONS BY MOVING SOME ISSUES -- DISPLACED PERSONS, MILITARY DISCIPLINE, AND MILITARY TRAINING CURRICULUM -- INTO JOINT COMMISSIONS. HE RESISTED KINANA'S CONTENTION THAT THE FACILITATOR'S WORD SHOULD BE FINAL, SAYING THE

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NEGOTIATIONS ARE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WHICH SHOULD TAKE EXPERT VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION IN REACHING THEIR OWN DECISIONS. HE APPEALED AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BE DONE TO PUT THE BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT IN PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. NEXT STEPS. BOTH SIDES ARE LOOKING TODAY AT HOW TO MEET THE NEW DEADLINES. BOTH SAY THE ISSUE OF FORCE PROPORTIONS IS THE ONLY MAJOR OUTSTANDING MILITARY ISSUE. NEITHER SIDE EXPECTS REMAINING DIFFERENCES ON THE NEUTRALIZATION OF KIGALI,

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GENDARMERIE, DISENGAGEMENT AND DEMOBILIZATION TO PRESENT SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. GOR MINISTER FOR LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, WITH RPF CONCURRENCE, PLANS TO ADVISE IMMEDIATELY ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE REFUGEE TALKS OF THE IMMINENT MAY 31 START DATE.

7. COMMENT: MOST OBSERVERS ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THE NEW TIMETABLE CAN HOLD. ALTHOUGH REFUGEE TALKS COULD WELL BEGIN MAY 31 (IF PARTICIPANTS ARRIVE BY THEN), IT WOULD BE ASTONISHING IF MILITARY ISSUES WERE CONCLUDED BY MAY 30. NOR DOES IT APPEAR REALISTIC TO EXPECT SIX DAYS TO BE SUFFICIENT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAGE 03 DAR ES 02769 02 OF 02 270643Z COVERING REFUGEE ISSUES, CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES, AND FOR FIXING THE OVERALL TIMEFRAME FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD. END COMMENT.

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