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SUBJECT: TFRWOL: TROOP CONTRIBUTORS DISCUSS UNAMIR'S  
 FUTURE

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2. SUMMARY: UNAMIR TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MET ON APRIL 13 TO DISCUSS UNAMIR'S FUTURE. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE OPINION THAT: AN OVERRIDING CONCERN IS THE SECURITY OF UNAMIR TROOPS; UNAMIR SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IN SIZE; AND THE UN SHOULD RETAIN A PRESENCE AS A WAY OF SIGNALLING ITS CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT AND INTEREST. BELGIUM ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO WITHDRAW ITS CONTINGENT. END SUMMARY.

3. AT THE INVITATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AMBASSADOR KEATING OF NEW ZEALAND, ON APRIL 13 THERE WAS A UNAMIR TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MEETING TO DISCUSS UNAMIR'S FUTURE. AMONG THOSE REPRESENTED WERE THE US, FRANCE, BELGIUM, NIGERIA, RUSSIA, ZIMBABWE, URUGUAY, BANGLADESH, AND GHANA.

4. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE CONSENSUS THAT UNAMIR SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED BECAUSE THE SECURITY OF UNAMIR TROOPS ARE AT RISK, AND UNAMIR CAN NO LONGER FULFILL ITS MANDATE GIVEN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. EVEN NIGERIAN

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PERMREP GAMBARI, WHO IN YESTERDAY'S SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMALS HINTED AT THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING UNAMIR'S PRESENCE, CONCEDED THAT UNAMIR SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IN SIZE AND SCOPE FOR THE TIME BEING. URUGUAY OFFERED THE USE OF A PLANE TO ASSIST ANY FUTURE EVACUATION OF UNAMIR TROOPS.

5. BELGIUM, SPEAKING LAST, ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO WITHDRAW ITS CONTINGENT FROM UNAMIR. CLAIMING THAT HIS TROOPS ARE MORE A NUISANCE THAN AN ASSISTANCE, THE BELGIUM PERMREP SAID THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE SAFETY OF ITS FORCES AND THE FUTURE OF UNAMIR IF THE BELGIUM CONTINGENT WERE WITHDRAWN. THAT SAID, HE ALSO SUPPORTED A CONTINUED UN PRESENCE, AND INDICATED THAT BELGIUM WOULD CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS IN RWANDA ONCE CONDITIONS PERMITTED.

6. THERE WAS ALSO CONSIDERABLE UNIFORMITY OF OPINION THAT THE UN AND UNAMIR SHOULD MAINTAIN SOME ROLE IN RWANDA; THE UN CAN STILL HELP FACILITATE A CEASE-FIRE AND THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL RECONCILIATION. OTHERS ALSO NOTED THAT A TOTAL UN DEPARTURE WOULD HURT THE UN'S CREDIBILITY.

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7. THE RUSSIAN DEPPERMREP ADDED THAT RUSSIA ANTICIPATES THE SYG'S DECISION CONCERNING UNAMIR'S FUTURE, BUT THAT ANY DECISION CONCERNING THE SIZE OF A REDUCED UNAMIR FORCE WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON WHETHER THERE IS A WORKABLE CEASE-FIRE, WHETHER THE ARUSHA ACCORDS ARE STILL OPERATIVE, AND WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO EVACUATE QUICKLY WHATEVER TROOPS REMAIN.

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8. GHANA SAID THAT THE UN "DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ON TOP OF THE SITUATION" WITH RESPECT TO KEEPING THE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS INFORMED OF THE SAFETY AND LOCATION OF THEIR TROOPS AND THE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE GROUND; THE UN IS NOT EVIDENCING REAL CONCERN OVER THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR TROOPS, HE ADDED. MOREOVER, THE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS HAVE LITTLE ACCESS TO INFORMATION, AND MUST RELY ON THE NEW YORK TIMES AND RUMORS TO APPRAISE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE GROUND. TROOP CONTRIBUTORS, HE CONTINUED, NEED CONTINUAL ACCESS TO: THE SAFETY OF THEIR TROOPS; POLITICAL AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS; AND, WHAT CONTACT THE UN MAINTAINS WITH THE VARIOUS FACTIONS ON THE GROUND.

9. AMBASSADOR KEATING SUMMARIZED BY SAYING THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE CONSENSUS TO THE VIEW THAT THE UN MUST REMAIN ENGAGED IN SOME CAPACITY, BUT THAT THE MODALITIES FOR DOING SO WERE UNCLEAR. IN THIS RESPECT, HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE SYG'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

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