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SUBJECT:

Security Council Consultations

1. During informal consultations held this afternoon, Mr. Gharekhan briefed the members of the Security Council on the latest developments in the situation in Rwanda.

- 2. On the military side, Mr. Gharekhan indicated that about 1,000 UNAMIR troops and military observers had been evacuated to Nairobi since the adoption of Security Council resolution 912 (1994) on 21 April and that the force level now stood at approximately 450 all ranks. In response to queries from some members of the Council, Mr. Gharekhan pointed out that, while some of the UNAMIR military personnel had already been repatriated, 570 such personnel were still in Nairobi today. It was expected that an additional number of troops would leave Nairobi for their respective countries tomorrow.
- able to transport the RGF delegation from Goma to Arusha, as had been expected. In response to a query regarding the absence of the RGF delegation in Arusha, the Permanent Representative of Rwanda, breaking the silence which he had observed since the beginning of the crisis, indicated that the interim Government was represented in Arusha by a delegation led by the Minister of the Interior and other senior officials. The problem, however, was that the RPF had refused to hold talks with that delegation. We would be grateful for any clarifications you may be able to

provide on this point, since it had been our understanding from your reports that the RGF delegation never made it to Arusha.

4. Several members of the Council expressed their support for the efforts undertaken by the UN, the OAU and the regional countries to promote a cease-fire between the parties. They expressed the view that these efforts should be actively pursued, and stressed that a cease-fire would make it possible to bring to an end the current atrocities and massacres of civilians. In this context, Mr. Gharekhan indicated that you had left Arusha for Nairobi and that you would be returning shortly to Kigali to continue your contacts with the parties and encourage them to agree to an early cessation of hostilities. Regards.