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PRESS RELEASE

The Rwandese Patriotic Front has obtained evidence documenting an arms - sale transaction between the rump government of the Republic of Rwanda and certain Egyptian arms dealers. The funds to finance the purchases are drawn from Banque Bruxelles Lambert of Belgium and the final destination of the cargo is indicated as Kinshasa, Zaire.

The transaction in question clearly violates the provisions of resolution 918/1994 of the United Nations Security Council which imposes a worldwide arms embargo against Rwanda.

We note that this is not an isolated transaction. There is a long history of previous sales of military equipment to the regime in Rwanda by the government of the United Arab Republic of Egypt. Indeed, some of the arms now being used by the army and militia to commit atrocities include arms supplied by the Egyptian government during the duration of the Rwanda conflict.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front is extremely concerned that the United Arab Republic of Egypt should continue to supply arms to a government which has used previous supplies to commit genocide in which up to a million lives may already be lost.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front is dismayed that Egypt, being the current chairman of the Organization of African Unity, should violate resolution 918/1994 and supply arms to the discredited government of Rwanda instead of setting a good example to the rest of the world by contributing to efforts to end the genocide going on in Rwanda.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front :

- A) calls upon the government of the United Arab Republic of Egypt to publicly explain the circumstances of the above violations of resolution 918/1994 of the United Nations Security Council and stop all further arms sales to the self-styled government of Rwanda.
- B) requests the government of the republic of Zaire to take all necessary steps to ensure that arms and other military equipment supplied to the self-styled government of Rwanda are not routed through the territory of the Republic of Zaire.

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- c) demands that the United Nations Security Council put in place mechanisms for enforcing compliance with resolution 918/1994 and to take appropriate measures against the United Arab Republic of Egypt and other United Nations members violating the provisions of resolution 918/1994.

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