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1. SUMMARY: UNHCR OGATA PRAISED THE GOT'S
COOPERATION AND RESPONSE TO THE INFLUX OF
RWANDAN REFUGEES. SHE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE
OF CAMP SECURITY, BUT DEFENDED THE GOT'S
HANDLING OF ACCUSED CRIMINALS SUCH AS GATETE.

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2. (U) UNHCR SADA KO OGATA VISITED TANZANIA JULY 10-12 INCLUDING A ONE-DAY VISIT TO BENACO ON JULY 10. IN A BRIEFING WITH DIPLOMATS IN DAR ON JULY 11, SHE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE OPERATION SO FAR NOTING THE GOOD FORTUNE TO HAVE HAD MATERIAL AND STAFF IN THE AREA FROM THE LAST YEAR'S BURUNDI OPERATION. SHE NOTED THAT THE FOOD SUPPLY WAS IN MUCH BETTER SHAPE BECAUSE OF LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE BURUNDI OPERATION.

3. (U) SHE APPEALED FOR DONOR ASSISTANCE IN PROTECTING AND RESTORING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND IN BUILDING UP THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE. IN PARTICULAR, SHE THANKED THE BRITISH FOR THE TEMPORARY BRIDGE CONNECTING NGARA TOWN AND THE AIRSTRIP WITH THE BENACO CAMP. SHE APPEALED FOR ADDITIONAL HELP WITH THE LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS PAVING THE AIRSTRIP AT NGARA AND

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IMPROVING THE ROAD NETWORK THROUGHOUT THE REGION. SHE ALSO NOTED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE REFUGEES. WHILE SHE WAS AT BENACO SHE MARKED TREES WHICH REFUGEES WERE NOT TO CUT.

4. (U) MRS. OGATA SAID THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE NOW IS SECURITY. SHE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH POLICEMEN FOR BENACO. UNHCR TANZANIA REP KOLUDE DOHERTY ELABORATED THAT THE 200-300 EXTRA POLICEMEN (REF A) FROM BUKOBA AND MWANZA WILL NOT ARRIVE UNTIL NEXT WEEK. THE UNHCR HAS AGREED TO SUPPLY THE TANZANIAN POLICE WITH BASIC EQUIPMENT, HOUSING, AND AN EXTRA ALLOWANCE FOR BEING POSTED AWAY FROM HOME.

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5. (U) DOHERTY EXPLAINED THAT THE GOT TASK FORCE STUDYING THE BROADER ISSUES OF BORDER AND CAMP SECURITY WOULD HAVE ITS REPORT READY NEXT MONTH (AND NOT THIS WEEK AS EARLIER PROMISED TO POST BY FOMIN PERMSEC). THE MOST EFFECTIVE, LONG-TERM SECURITY MEASURE WILL BE THE PROCESS OF 'DECONGESTING' BENACO. UNHCR HAS ALREADY LOCATED 40,000 REFUGEES OUT OF BENACO TO LUMASI

CAMP AND IS SEARCHING FOR SITES TO RELOCATE AT
LEAST ANOTHER 90,000. (ONE SITE CONSIDERED
PRIME BY THE UNHCR BUT TOO CLOSE TO BENACO BY
SOME OF THE NGO'S IS LEASED TO A CONSORTIUM OF
NICKEL MINING FIRMS. THE CONSORTIUM IS ONLY IN
THE EXPLORATORY STAGE BUT FEARS THAT THE
REFUGEES PRESENCE ON ITS CONCESSION WOULD BE
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LONGTERM AND INTERFER WITH ITS MINING
OPERATIONS.)

6. (U) AFTER OGATA'S BRIEFING TO THE DIPLOMATS,
AMERICAN CHARGE ASKED HER TO EXPLAIN THE UNHCR'S
POSITION ON RWANDAN REFUGEE LEADER AND ACCUSED
MURDERER GATETE. OGATA, WHO OBVIOUSLY HAD BEEN
PREPPED FOR THE QUESTION BY DOHERTY, REPLIED
THAT THE UN HAD AN OBLIGATION TO SET UP A
MECHANISM TO BRING CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE. THIS
PROCESS HAD ALREADY BEGUN. IN ADDITION TO THE
EFFORTS OF THE UN SPECIAL RAPPARTEUR, THE UNSC
HAS CALLED FOR A COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO STUDY
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF THE GENOCIDE CONVENTION.
THE ROLE OF THE UNHCR, HOWEVER, IS TO CARE FOR
REFUGEES AND THEY ARE FULFILLING THAT
RESPONSIBILITY AS RAPIDLY AND EFFECTIVELY AS
POSSIBLE. OGATA SAID THE UNHCR WAS AWARE THAT
GATETE HAD LEFT BENACO, BUT HAD NO FURTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS PLANS. SHE DEFENDED

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THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA'S HANDLING OF THIS
 ISSUE SAYING THAT
 IT WAS "NOT QUITE FAIR TO
 CRITICIZE" THE GOT FOR NOT DETAINING THOSE WHO
 HAD COMMITTED CRIMES IN RWANDA.

7. (U) THE GOVERNMENT OWNED "DAILY NEWS"
 REPORTED THAT DURING HER CALL ON PRESIDENT
 MWINYI EARLIER IN THE DAY, MRS. OGATA SAID THAT
 IT WAS UNFAIR FOR THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT TO BE
 BLAMED FOR REFUSING TO OVERSTEP IT'S RIGHTFUL
 HUMANITARIAN ROLE AS HOST TO RWANDAN REFUGEES.
 SHE ADDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER TO EXPECT

TANZANIA TO INDULGE IN ACTIONS WHICH WERE MORE POLITICAL THAN THE CORRECT ROLE OF A HOST.

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8. (C) OGATA'S CONCERN FOR SECURITY APPEARS WELL-FOUNDED. THE EVENING OF JULY 11, THE ACTING HEAD OF THE EU DELEGATION, [REDACTED] (PROTECT), TOLD CHARGE THAT TWO TRUCK LOADS OF AK-47S HAD RECENTLY BEEN SMUGGLED INTO BENACO AND DISTRIBUTED INSIDE THE CAMP. POST IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS TROUBLING DEVELOPMENT.

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9. (C) [REDACTED]

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REFUGEES. WITH [REDACTED] SUDDEN DEPARTURE, CHARGE SCHEDULED AN APPOINTMENT ON JULY 13 WITH REFUGEE SECTION HEAD JOHNSON BRAHIM TO DELIVER THE USG POSITION OUTLINED IN REFS B AND D REGARDING THE DETENTION OF GATETE.

10. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. BROWNING

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