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1. (U) THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE, REPRINTED IN ITS
ENTIRETY, IS FROM THE UNITED OPPOSITION, A SEYCHELLES

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OPPOSITION PARTY WHICH IS GENERALLY VERY RELIABLE IN REPORTING ON GOVERNMENT ACTIONS. BEGIN TEXT:

"FOLLOWING ITS PRESS RELEASE OF 20TH JUNE 1994, THE UNITED OPPOSITION HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT:

(ONE) ON 4TH JUNE 1994 A RWANDAN, A ZAIREAN, AND A SOUTH AFRICAN ARRIVED IN SEYCHELLES FROM JOHANNESBURG AND BOOKED INTO THE BEAU VALLON BAY HOTEL;

(TWO) ON 16TH JUNE 1994 A RWANDAN CIVIL SERVANT ARRIVED IN SEYCHELLES ON BOARD THE FIRST ZAIREAN AIRCRAFT AND BOOKED INTO-THE BEAU VALLON BAY HOTEL. ON 17TH JUNE 1994, HE DEPARTED ON THAT SAME AIRCRAFT CARRYING THE FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF ARMS TO GOMA;

(THREE) ON 18TH JUNE 1994 A ZAIREAN CIVIL SERVANT ARRIVED IN SEYCHELLES ON BOARD THE SECOND ZAIREAN AIRCRAFT AND BOOKED INTO THE REEF GOLF CLUB HOTEL. ON 19TH JUNE 1994, TOGETHER WITH THE RWANDAN WHO HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARRIVED IN SEYCHELLES ON THE 4TH JUNE 1994, THEY DEPARTED ON THAT SAME AIRCRAFT CARRYING THE SECOND CONSIGNMENT OF ARMS TO GOMA.

(FOUR) OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND TRANSPORT AND THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE WERE IN CONTACT WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PEOPLE.

THE UNITED OPPOSITION BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENCE OF RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CLEARLY ESTABLISHES KNOWLEDGE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SEYCHELLES THAT THE ARMS WERE DESTINED TO RWANDA.

THE UNITED OPPOSITION CONDEMNS THE CONTINUED REFUSAL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SEYCHELLES TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE MALO ARMS AND DEMANDS:

(ONE) AN EXPLANATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SEYCHELLES AS TO WHY AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS OF WAR WERE BEING SOLD, WITH ITS KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT, TO OFFICIALS WHO WERE CONNECTED WITH THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT;

(TWO) DISCLOSURE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IDENTITIES AND CAPACITIES OF THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS FROM RWANDA,

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ZAIRE, AND SOUTH AFRICA;

(THREE) ONCE AGAIN, DETAILS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE QUANTITY AND NATURE OF THE ARMS WHICH HAVE TO DATE BEEN SOLD, OF THE SUM IT HAS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THE ARMS AND WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT STILL INTENDS SELLING ANY MORE ARMS, AND IF SO, TO WHOM;

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(FOUR) AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE MATTER."

END TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE.

2. (LOU) COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SEYCHELLES IS NOT CURRENTLY SELLING ARMS TO RWANDA. NEVERTHELESS, THE ABOVE REPORTS, IF TRUE, INDICATE THAT THE GOS WAS AWARE OF WHERE THE ARMS WERE GOING WHEN THEY WERE INITIALLY SOLD. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SEYCHELLES DECIDED TO END THE SALES WHEN IT BEGAN TO SEE THE POTENTIAL POLITICAL DOWN-SIDE. END COMMENT. MALOTT

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