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2. SUMMARY: THE UN SECRETARIAT BRIEFED THE COUNCIL ON EVENTS IN RWANDA APRIL 11. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE REGARDING THE FUTURE OF UNAMIR. END SUMMARY.

3. UN DPKO DEPUTY IQBAL RIZA BRIEFED THE SC ON DEVELOPMENTS IN RWANDA. THERE HAS BEEN SPORADIC SHELLING. UNAMIR IS WORKING TO BRING A TRUCE INTO EFFECT. THE TRUCE WAS SCHEDULED TO GO INTO EFFECT AT 6 AM 4/11, BUT THAT HAS BEEN POSTPONED. UNAMIR IS NOW TRYING TO GET AGREEMENT ON STARTING THE TRUCE 6 AM 4/12. A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE RPF IN THE ABSENCE OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF RPF TROOPS HAVE LEFT THE DMZ AND ARE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF KIGALI, BUT HAVE NOT ENTERED INTO COMBAT YET. MANY RPF TROOPS REMAIN IN THE DMZ. THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, WHO DID NOT BOARD HABYARIMANA'S PLANE AS SCHEDULED, HAS RETURNED TO KIGALI. THE ARMY IS NOW SHOWING A BIT MORE LEADERSHIP THAN THE GENDARMERIE,

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PERHAPS DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF THE DEFMIN. (COMMENT: UN SITUATION CENTER HAS INFORMATION THAT BOTH THE RPF AND GOVERNMENT FORCES MAY BE RUNNING LOW ON AMMUNITION. END COMMENT.)

4. NEITHER THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT FORCES (RGF) NOR RPF ARE HINDERING THE EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM KIGALI. CONTINGENTS OF FRENCH AND BELGIAN TROOPS ARE AT THE AIRPORT. MOST UN CIVILIANS AND NON-ESSENTIAL UNAMIR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL HAVE ALREADY BEEN EVACUATED, EITHER OVERLAND OR VIA THE FRANCO-BELGIAN AIRLIFT. UNHQ HAS AUTHORIZED UNAMIR TO ESCORT CONVOYS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM KIGALI TO THE AIRPORT. UNAMIR IS ALSO GUARDING SOME REFUGEE AREAS, INCLUDING THE STADIUM (6,000 RWANDAN CIVILIANS) AND A HOSPITAL (8,000 RWANDAN CIVILIANS). THEY ARE DOING SOME MINIMAL PATROLING, EITHER JOINTLY WITH THE RGF OR ON THEIR OWN. UNAMIR IS ALSO ACTING AS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR WHATEVER POLITICAL TALKS ARE GOING ON. UNAMIR HAS SUSTAINED SOME LIGHT CASUALTIES, BUT NOTHING SERIOUS YET. THEY COULD BE CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE IF FIGHTING STEPS UP. UNHQ HAS ASKED THE SRSG AND FORCE COMMANDER FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR UNAMIR, WHICH THEY EXPECT TO RECEIVE 4/11 OR 4/12.

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5. UNHQ FORESEES TWO SCENARIOS FOR THE FUTURE OF UNAMIR. IF POLITICAL AGREEMENT AND A CEASE-FIRE IS REACHED, BRINGING A RETURN TO ORDER AND THE PEACE PROCESS, THEN UNAMIR COULD RESUME ITS MANDATE. IF THE SITUATION DETERIORATES, FIGHTING CONTINUES AND THERE IS NO POLITICAL PROGRESS, THEN THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO

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REEVALUATE UNAMIR'S MANDATE- (COMMENT: THE SECRETARIAT DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THEY WOULD ASK TO BEEF UP UNAMIR'S SIZE AND MANDATE, OR PULL OUT. IF THE UN WISHES TO EVACUATE, IT WOULD BE EASIER TO DO WHILE THE AIRPORT IS STILL IN BELGIAN/FRENCH CONTROL. IF THE UN DECIDES TO RECOMMEND WITHDRAWAL OF UNAMIR, THE COUNCIL WILL NEED TO BE READY TO ACT QUICKLY TO AUTHORIZE SAME. END COMMENT.)

6. FRENCH AMB MERIMEE REMARKED THAT UNAMIR'S PRESENCE PROVIDED A DEGREE OF STABILITY, AND HOPED TO SEE THE FIRST SCENARIO. HE REPORTED THAT 600 FRENCH NATIONALS HAD BEEN EVACUATED, AND THAT FRANCE WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY LOCATING 20 MORE. THREE-QUARTERS OF THE LAST FRENCH FLIGHT OUT OF KIGALI WAS MADE UP OF FOREIGN NATIONALS WHO WERE NON-FRENCH. ON THE MARGINS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, FRENCH POLOFF INFORMED USUN POLOFF THAT FRENCH FORCES WOULD LEAVE RWANDA AS SOON AS ALL FRENCH WERE EVACUATED. THEY ANTICIPATE STAYING ANOTHER 24-48 HOURS ON THE GROUND.

7. BELGIAN POLOFF INFORMED USUN POLOFF THAT 500 BELGIAN PARATROOPERS ARE STANDING BY IN NAIROBI TO REINFORCE THE 400 BELGIANS AT KIGALI, IF NEEDED. THEY WILL STAY BEYOND THE DEPARTURE OF THE FRENCH, "UNTIL THE LAST

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INDIAN SHOPKEEPER IS OUT". THEIR TASK IS COMPLICATED BY THE DISPERSAL OF 500 BELGIANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRYSIDE, WHO MUST BE LOCATED AND GOTTEN SAFELY OUT. THE GOB HAS A COMPUTERIZED CRISIS CENTER IN BRUSSELS WHICH CAN HELP IN ANSWERING INQUIRIES ABOUT WHETHER PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS HAVE GOTTEN OUT (REFTEL) -

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