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THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS TELEPHONED FROM ARUSHA BY POLOFF BENTLEY.

- 1. SUMMARY: DURING THE SEPTEMBER 14 PLENARY SESSIONS, THE PARTIES ADOPTED A DRAFT PROGRAM FOR THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. AFTER SOME INITIAL CONFUSION, THE GOR WAS PERSUADED TO PRESENT ITS OFFER ON POWER-SHARING IN ALL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT AS A SINGLE PACKAGE. THE RPF PROVIDED ITS VIEWS AND SOME COUNTERPROPOSALS. A MORE FORMAL RESPONSE HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL A PLENARY SESSION NOW PLANNED FOR THIS EVENING, SEPTEMBER 15. END SUMMARY.
- 2. BEFORE DISCUSSING POWER-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS, FONMIN DIRIA FIRST ASKED THE PARTIES TO ADOPT A PROGRAM FOR THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. DURING DISCUSSION OF THE PROGRAM, RPF DELEGATION HEAD BIZIMUNGU AGAIN INDICATED THAT HE WANTED TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTLY INTO POWER-SHARING. THE GOR WAS WILLING BUT DIRIA, AS CHAIRMAN, REFUSED TO MOVE UNTIL THE TWO PARTIES ADOPTED THE DRAFT PROGRAM. THE RPF REQUESTED SOME CLARIFICATION. BOTH SIDES THEN AGREED TO ADOPT THE PROGRAM AS YET ANOTHER WORKING DOCUMENT.

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  3. GOR FONMIN NGULINZIRA THEN CALLED FOR PROPOSALS ON POWER-SHARING FROM THE RPF. HE SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD PREPARED PROPOSALS BUT WERE UNAWARE OF ANY FROM THE RPF. HE ADDED THAT IF THE RPF NEEDED MORE TIME, HE WAS WILLING TO ADJOURN THE TALKS FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO LET THEM CONSULT. THIS IDEAPRODUCED AN IMMEDIATE UPROAR IN THE PLENARY, WITH THE FACILITATOR AND OBSERVERS HUDDLING WITH THE TWO DELEGATIONS TO URGE THEM TO CONTINUE. THE RPF WANTED TO DISCUSS POWER-SHARING IN THE SEPARATE BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT AS A PACKAGE; I.E., THEY WANTED TO SEE THE GOVERNMENT'S ENTIRE OFFER. THE GOR WAS AT FIRST UNWILLING BUT EVENTUALLY RELENTED.
- 4. INSISTING THAT THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD GOVERN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING LAWS TO ENSURE "THE CONTINUITY OF STATE INSTITUTIONS," FORMIN NGULINZIRA OFFERED THE FOLLOWING:
- -- A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT THE PEACE AGREEMENT PROVISION WOULD PREVAIL IN ANY CONFLICT WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION OR THE CURRENT CONSTITUTION (U.S. REP RAWSON SUGGESTED THIS APPROACH TO NGULINZIRA BEFORE THE PLENARY);

- -- PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA WOULD RETAIN OFFICE, BUT ALL PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN ONLY WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE CABINET;
- -- THE RPF WOULD JOIN THE CABINBT AND WOULD NEGOTIATE ITS SHARE OF THE PORTFOLIOS DIRBCTLY WITH THE OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES;

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- -- THE CABINET WOULD MAKE DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS;
- -- THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE OPEN TO ALL THE PARTIES THAT SUBSCRIBE TO THE PEACE AGREEMENT;
- -- THE MINISTERS WOULD REMAIN ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRESIDENT;
- -- THE EXISTING LEGISLATURE WOULD BE REPLACED BY A NEW TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (TNA) WHICH WOULD LAST THROUGH THE TRANSITION PERIOD AND INCLUDE MEMBERS ELECTED FROM WITHIN RWANDA ON THE BASIS OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION. THE RPF WOULD BE ABLE TO NOMINATE A

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NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND THE ASSEMBLY WOULD BE ELECTED BEFORE THE RETURN OF REFUGEES;

- -- THE TNA WOULD ENACT LEGISLATION BY MAJORITY VOTE IN ROUTINE MATTERS. IN SENSITIVE AREAS A THREE-FIFTHS MAJORITY WOULD BE REQUIRED. THE RPF WOULD BE GIVEN A VETO IN MATTERS TOUCHING ON THE PEACE AGREEMENT;
- -- THE EXISTING JUDICIARY WOULD REMAIN FOR THE MOST PART. THE STATE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE ABOLISHED. A COURT OF ACCOUNTS WOULD BE CREATED AS AN ARM OF THE TNA TO MONITOR THE TREASURY;
- -- A SUPREME CONSTITUTIONAL COURT WOULD REVIEW

LEGISLATION. THE BROAD-BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT (BBTG) WOULD PROPOSE TO THE SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS. THE BBTG WOULD CREATE SPECIAL COMMITTEES TO DEAL WITH NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION, PUBLIC SECURITY, INFORMATION AND EDUCATION, REFUGEE PROBLEMS, THE CONSTITUTION AND THE PREPARATION FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS AT THE END OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD.

5. "THE CARDS ARE PLAYED," CONCLUDED FORMIN
NGULINZIRA. THE PLENARY ADJOURNED TO GIVE THE RPF TIME
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- WHEN THE PLENARY RECONVENED THAT EVENING, RPF DELEGATION CHIEF BIZIMUNGU STATED THAT THE RPF ACCEPTED THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GOR, STATING THAT THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD OPERATE WITHIN EXISTING LAWS BUT ALSO THAT THE PEACE AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE PRIMACY. HE REMARKED SARCASTICALLY THAT THE PRESENT CONFLICT WAS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN EXISTING LEGISLATION. HE ACCEPTED THAT THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE SUPREME BUT EXISTING LAWS AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS THAT CONTRADICT IT SHOULD BE CHANGED. HE DID NOT THINK THAT THE GOR HAD MADE CLEAR THE EFFECT OF ITS PROPOSALS ON THE PRESIDENT'S POWERS. THE RPF ACCEPTED HABYARIMANA AS THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT BUT WANTED HIM STRIPPED OF ON FORMING THE BBTG, THE RPF WAS READY TO POWER. DISCUSS PORTFOLIOS WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES, BUT THOUGHT THAT WAS WHAT IT HAD COME TO ARUSHA TO DO WITH THE GOR. THE RPF ALSO ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF THE TNA BUT WAS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE NOTION OF AN RPF VETO. FEELING THAT THESE MEASURES WOULD TEND TO ISOLATE THE RPF POLITICALLY.
- 7. THE RPF THEN PROVIDED COUNTER PROPOSALS:
- -- AS THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT IS HEAD OF THE MRND, TWO ADDITIONAL CO-PRESIDENTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED -- ONE BY THE RPF AND ONE BY THE OPPOSITION COALITION;
- -- THE EXECUTIVE POWERS PROPOSED FOR THE RPF COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- -- IN THE BBTG, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE PROVIDED BY ONE OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES -- THAT IS, THE NDR, THE PL OR THE PSD -- BUT NOT THE SAME PARTY AS THE OPPOSITION CO-PRESIDENT;
- -- THE POST OF PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE RPF AND WOULD INCLUDE ANOTHER MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIO;
- -- IN THE TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THE NEW ASSEMBLY WOULD BE COMPOSED OF 40 MEMBERS, WITH EACH OF THE MAJOR PARTIES (MRND, NDR, PSD, PL AND RPF) EACH NOMINATING SIX MEMBERS. FIVE MEMBERS WOULD BE PROVIDED

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BY NGO'S CONCERNED WITH THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FIVE FROM THE MILITARY FORCES;

- -- SPECIAL COMMISSIONS FOR SELECTED ISSUES WOULD BE UNDER THE TNA;
- -- THE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY WOULD ELECT THEIR OWN SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO RUN THE JUDICIARY.
- 8. DURING THE DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED THESE PRESENTATIONS, THE GOR EMPHASIZED ITS FLEXIBILITY AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC CHANGES IN ITS PROPOSALS SUGGESTED BY THE RPF. THE RPF EXPRESSED ITS CONTINUING CONCERNS ABOUT ESTABLISHING STRONG PROTECTIONS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND ITS OWN SECURITY. THE GOR PROVIDED ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION REGARDING ITS IDEAS ABOUT THE TNA, PRESIDENTIAL POWERS AND ELECTIONS. THE PARTIES THEN ADJOURNED THE PLENARY UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY TO ALLOW THE RPF TQ PREPARE A MORE DETAILED RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS.
- 9. AS THIS IS WRITTEN, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE RPF HAS

ASKED FOR THE NEXT PLENARY SESSION TO BE DELAYED UNTIL 5:00 PM TODAY (SEPTEMBER 15) TO PREPARE ITS COUNTERPROPOSALS IN DETAIL. THE CONSENSUS AMONG THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OBSERVERS IS THAT THE GOR HAS GONE A CONSIDERABLE
DISTANCE TO MEET RPF CONCERNS. THE GOR APPEARS TO SEE
THE PROBLEM AS HOW TO INCLUDE THE RPF IN A MORE GENERAL
PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIC REFORM. THE RPF SEEMS TO WANT TO
DETERMINE THE OUTCOME OF THE REFORM PROCESS IN THE PEACE
AGREEMENT. THE RPF ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE TROUBLE
GRASPING THE FULL IMPLICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER,
POSSIBLY REFLECTING THE EXTENT OF ITS MISTRUST OF THE
CURRENT REGIME.

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