

We, the undersigned, have been instructed by the Political Bureau of the Rwandese Patriotic Front to convey the following message to your Excellency:

The Rwandese Patriotic Front was most disappointed by the failure of the Security Council to recognise the obvious fact that the atroctics which have been committed by the self-styled Rwandese provisional government, its military and militia under their control amount to genocide.

The Rwandese Patrionic Front wishes to reiterate its strong opposition to the proposed deployment of a UN force to restore, it is said, law and order in Rwanda.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front believes that the proposed intervention is untimely and inappropriate because the genocide in now almost complete as virtually all the potential victims of the atrocities have either fled or been killed.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front is of the view that the fundamental cause of the current crisis in Rwanda which needs to be addressed is the existence in Rwanda of a dictatorship which will not stop at anything, including genocide, to maintain itself in power. The Rwandese Patriotic Front calls upon the Security Council to come to the assistance of the Rwandese people by taking the necessary and appropriate measures to apprehend and bring to justice the members of the clique of civilians and military personnel who have usurped power in Rigali by unconstitutional means and masterminded the atrocities which have been committed.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front wishes to inform your Excellency and the members of the Security Council that it has managed to restore law and order in the two thirds of the territory of Rwanda under its control and requests the Security Council to immediately authorise the conduct of a thorough investigation to determine the number of persons still at risk in areas under the control of the Rwandese Government forces and the humanitarian situation and state of law and order in the territory controlled by the Rwandese Patriotic Front. We believe that the outcome of that investigation should be the basis of the Security Council's decision as to whether or not the proposed intervention is appropriate or necessary.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front wishes to reassure your Excellency and members of the Security Council of its continued commitment to a peaceful and negotiated settlement of the conflict in Rwanda and its determination to implement the Arusha Peace Agreement faithfully and in full subject to the exclusion of all persons who have been involved in committing atrocities.

The Rwandese Patriotic Front commends the Secretary General and the members of the Security Council for their concern over the humanitarian situation in Rwanda, urges the member states to continue the humanitarian support and assistance and promises to cooperate fully in all efforts to alleviate with the humanitarian situation.

For: the Political Bureau of the Rwandese Patriotic Front.

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CC: President, UN Security Council
All members, UN Security Council
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