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van Bohemen/Griffiths telecon of 21/22 April.

Following is:

(a) Sec-Gen's report on UNAMIR which came out at midday today;

(b) text of Resolution 912 (1994) which was adopted 15-0-0 tonight in implementation of Alternative II in the SecGen's report.

- 3 Council members were persuaded by Secretariat of the need to take a decision tonight on UNAMIR's future because of strain on troops caused by prolonged uncertainty as to the future of the force.
- Council members were unanimous in agreeing that Alternative III (complete withdrawal) was not an option and that Alternative I (expanding UNAMIR and converting it into a Chapter VII enforcement operation) was also unrealistic in present circumstances. Thus, they were left with Alternative II, a modified version of Option 2 presented last week but no longer predicated on a ceasefire. Africans were not keen but accepted Alternative II as the only realistic option in the circumstances.
- Since we had to suspend tonight's debate on Gorazde to take up Rwanda, most Council members chose not to give EOVs. Nigeria, Oman, Djibouti and Rwanda spoke before the vote; France spoke after the vote.
- President is to brief UNAMIR troop contributors tomorrow afternoon.

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