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Subject

U51108: SECURITY COUNCIL : RWANDA

Your C04550 and fax 2719.

Guidance

2 We welcome US re-engagement with Rwanda and support your suggestion to collaborate with them on a resolution putting Sec-Gen's report into effect. We would, however, be wary of thereby raising expectations about New Zealand's ability to make a contribution to UNAMIR. There is some way to go before we can take a decision on this.

3 We have a list of Defence queries we would like you to put before the Secretariat.

Comment

4 Thank you for your report. We have not had the time to give the Secretary-General's report more than a preliminary reading, nor have we had the time to consult with others (including the Minister). With this in mind we wish to offer the following brief comments.

5 It is clear that we are about to take a leading role again on this issue. We must have some concern this may engender an increased expectation of practical support from New Zealand (not least in the minds of the US), that we may not in the event be able to fulfil. See below para 9. Grateful therefore if you could judge your collaboration with

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US and others in this light. We would wish to consult Minister on sponsorship in due course.

Sec-Gen's Report

6 As one comment, we continue to have some misgivings regarding the establishment of "secure areas" which we have raised with you before (our C23246 of 12 May, para 7). We note that Riza and UNHCR are opposed to the establishment of safe areas (your para 9). However, while we would not favour the Sec-Gen's second suggestion to set up new areas, like you we would favour the establishment of measures to provide protection to assemblies of persons. This is a manageable and more realistic task.

Draft Resolution

7 In addition to elements contained in your para 14, including taking note of genocide, draft resolution should pick up relevant elements contained in Resolution 918. For instance reference should be made to the importance of the Arusha Agreement to the resolution of the conflict and the ongoing role of regional governments (Tanzania) and the OAU. We concur that the draft should repeat op 10 of resolution 918 demanding that the parties cooperate with UNAMIR. We agree that the Council should welcome the initiation of ceasefire talks, but it should also demand that the fighting and the killing stop.

8 We look forward to receiving a copy of the draft resolution in due course.

New Zealand Contribution

9 NZDF, with whom we have been working closely on suggested logistics contribution, advise that a number of operational points relating to the proposal to deploy an aircraft and crew are being worked through at present. In particular they should be grateful if you would approach the Secretariat with the following questions:

- What is the concept of operations for the use of the aircraft?
- Where would it be based - Nairobi?
- With whom would RNZAF operate?
- What would be the frequency of flights in terms of hours per week?
- What would be the type of cargo? Would there be a cargo/passenger mix?
- What airfield would aircraft be likely to operate from, particularly in Rwanda?
- What is the assessment of the risk factor?
- What support would be available in-theatre in terms of re-supply, ground maintenance, fuel etc?

10 This is a standard checklist of questions to which NZDF require responses. Even a "don't know" in reply to some

questions would be useful for Defence's purposes. For your information, NZDF indicate that it is likely that any assistance they may be able to provide will need to be reimbursed by the UN at standard rates.

End Message