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I. GENERAL:

A. POLITICAL:

THE OVERALL POLITICAL/SOCIAL SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY IS RELATIVELY CALM, CONSIDERING THE TENSIONS CREATED BY THE LARGE BURUNDI REFUGEE PRESSURES IN THE SOUTH, BY THE CONSTANT RUMORS OF MASSACRES OF HUTUS IN BURUNDI AND POSSIBLY TUTSIS IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS HERE, BY THE HARANGUING OF THE HUTU IN RWANDA BY THE EXTREME RIGHT-WING PARTY THROUGH ITS RADIO STATION, BY THE LACK OF RAIN AND THE FEAR OF FAMINE IN JANUARY BECAUSE NO CROPS ARE PLANTED AND BY THE GENERAL UNCERTAINTY WITH THE PEACE PROCESS IMPLEMENTATION. BURUNDI OFFICIALS STAYING IN FRENCH EMBASSY. WE HAVE NOT ESTABLISHED FORMAL CONTACT UNLESS YOU ADVISE OTHERWISE.

B. MILITARY:

THE RECEPTION AND DIRECTION PROVIDED TO THE BELGIAN RECCE PARTY HAS GONE WELL. THEY ARE IN FULL WORK MODE USING THEIR THREE VEHICLES. SOME VEHICLES FROM US AND THEIR OWN extensive national COMMUNICATIONS. STAFF PLANS FOR DMZ/HMOC II OPERATIONS TAKE OVER AND ALSO FORMAL UNAMIR FLAG RAISING CEREMONY. DMZ GOING VERY WELL. WE WILL BE IN COMMAND OF DMZ AS OF 0001 HOURS LOCAL 1 NOV 1993. UNAMIR OPERATIONAL INTEGRATION PLAN WITH UNAMIR IS IN DRAFT. WILL BE MOVING INTO PERMANENT FORCE HQ BLOCK (HOTEL AMAHORU OR PEACE HOTEL) SATURDAY 30 OCT. 1993.

C. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION:

DETAILED SITUATION DESCRIBED BELOW IN SECTION VIII.

II. KIGALI SECTOR:

THE BELGIAN RECCE PARTY IS CONDUCTING GROUND RECCE AND
OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS OF THE UNAMIR OPERATIONS ORDER ONE (FINAL DRAFT) THAT WE HAVE PRODUCED FOR KIGALI WEAPONS SECURE AREA. THEY ARE WORKING OUT OF TEMPORARY OFFICES PROVIDED BY US AND LODGED/FED AT THE MERIDIAN HOTEL. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING HELD ON THE COMPOSITION AND STRENGTH OF THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TO THE KIGALI INFANTRY BATTALION. THEY HAVE BEEN LIMITED SO FAR BY POLITICAL DECISIONS AT A MAXIMUM OF 100 PERSONNEL. MADE UP SO FAR OF TWO SMALL (2 X PLATOON) COMPANIES, A RECCO SQUADRON, A SUPPORT ELEMENT, AN ENGINEER PLATOON AND A BN HQ PLATOON. THEY PROPOSE TRACKED APCS (SPARTANS). WE HAVE INFORMED THEM THAT NO LESS THAN FOUR LARGE (3 X PLATOON) COMPANIES ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE MISSION. THE RECCO SQUADRON IS NOT A FLEXIBLE ENOUGH ENTITY AND SHOULD/COULD BE REPLACED BY AN INHERENT INFANTRY RECCO PLATOON AT BEST. THE FACT THAT THE APCs ARE TRACKED IS MORE RESTRICTIVE BUT IS QUITE MANAGEABLE. THE OTHER COMPANIES WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH UNIMOG/MERCEDES LIGHT TRUCKS, WHICH IS EXCELLENT. WE HAVE INFORMED THEM THAT SHOULD THEY NOT HAVE THE MINIMUM OF FOUR LARGE COMPANIES, WE WILL HAVE TO ATTACH COMPANIES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES TO THEIR UNIT. THEY ARE IN DIRECT AND CONSTANT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THEIR NATIONAL HQ ON THIS MATTER.

III. MEDIA:

HAVE ATTACHED FIRST FORMAL UNAMIR PRESS RELEASE DONE IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND KINYARWANDA. WILL PRODUCE A PRESS RELEASE DAILY IN ORDER TO ENSURE GENERAL POPULATION IS AWARE OF OUR PRESENCE AND PROGRESSION.

IV. SOFA:

NO QUESTIONS FROM GOVERNMENT ASKED OF US ON THE DRAFT SO FAR. WE REQUEST IN PARA 2 OF DOCUMENT THAT THE FOLLOWING BE INCLUDED: "VEHICLES WILL CARRY UNAMIR UNIFORM PEOPLE".

V. PERSONNEL (POLITICAL/MILITARY):

CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING DR. XABYA MOVED FROM UNOMUR/KABALE TO UNAMIR/KIGALI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE MUST BE REPLACED AT ONCE IN KABIRA AS THE DIPLOMATIC/POLITICAL SITUATION REQUIRES DEDICATED EFFORT IN BOTH MISSIONS CONSIDERING WHAT WAS DESCRIBED IN PARA I.A. ABOVE. THE REST OF MY ADVANCE PARTY EXPECTED YESTERDAY STILL HAS NOT ARRIVED. THEY SEEM LOST IN NAIROBI. IN REVIEWING DPKO PERSONNEL STRUCTURES AND DEPLOYMENT INFORMATION, WISH TO CLARIFY THE FOLLOWING:

A. FORCE HQ

(1) POSN #4-ADC.CAPT DE KANT (HOLLAND) IS CURRENTLY DOING THIS JOB AND WE WISH TO KEEP HIM IN IT FOR HIS WHOLE TOUR (6 MONTHS). THE BELGIAN CAPT. SCHEDULED FOR THIS JOB SHOULD BE ASSIGNED ELSEWHERE. POSSIBLY POSN #12(DO) INSTEAD OF
TOGO OFFICER.

(2) POSN #26-10.CATV CLAEYS (BELGIUM) IS WITH RECE PC PARTY AND IS AVAIL TO STAY. MAJ. JERZY FROM POLAND, WHO WAS COMING TEMPORARILY INTO THAT POSN, WILL BE USED IN THE MILITARY HQ START-UP STAFF.

B. KIGALI SECTOR HQ

(1) POSN #47-OPSO.MAJ KESTELOOT (BELGIUM) IS WITH THE RECE PC PARTY AND IS AVAIL TO STAY. IT IS A BELGIAN POSN.

VI. LIAISON:

FORMAL LIAISON AND SUPPORT FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND RPF HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. PROCEDURES FOR UN PESSIONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TRANSITION THROUGH RPF TERRITORY BEING FINALIZED TODAY. SAME FOR UN HELICOPTER OVERFLIGHTS OF RPF SECTOR.

VII. UNOMUR:

RECENT LOGISTIC SUPPORT MOST APPRECIATED. WE HAVE INCREASED THE PATROLLING EFFORT DUE TO OVERALL SCENARIO IN RWANDA AS DESCRIBED IN PARA I.A. ABOVE. MAIN CHECK POINTS AT CYANINA AND KATUNA WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL EARLY NEXT WEEK. PLANNING TO BRING UNOMUR MILITARY COMPLEMENT BACK UP TO ORIGINAL STRENGTH OF 81 BY TRANSFERRING 4 UNMOS FROM KIGALI SECTOR TO UNOMUR. STAFFING OF THIS IS IN MOTION FOR YOUR APPROVAL.

VIII. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION:

A. THE STRENGTH OF MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION DIVISION DURING THE WEEK REACHED NINE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE. THE LACK OF FINANCE, PERSONNEL, PROCUREMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT MANAGERS, AS WELL AS THE ABSENCE OF AN APPROVED BUDGET CONSIDERABLY LIMITS THE ABILITY OF THE DIVISION TO GIVE ADEQUATE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.

B. AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA ON PREMISES FOR MISSION HEADQUARTERS. A DETAILED AGREEMENT IS BEING PREPARED WITH THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH (FORMAL CUSTODIAN OF THE PREMISES - HOTEL AMAHOU). THE PREMISES IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2 KMS. FROM THE AIRPORT AND 6 KMS. FROM THE CITY CENTRE.

C. NEGOTIATIONS WITH HOTELS IN KIGALI FOR ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS FOR STAFF OFFICERS AND THE TWO TUNISIAN PLATOONS TO BE TAKEN OVER FROM NMOC II ARE IN THEIR FINAL STAGES.
D. NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEGUN WITH BP, FINA AND PETRONORANDA ON PROVISION OF FUEL.

E. NEGOTIATIONS ARE ONGOING WITH THE OWNER OF THE PRIVATE PREMISES IN WHICH NMOC II HQ IS LOCATED UNTIL 31 OCTOBER 1993. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO ARRANGE A LEASE FOR THE PREMISES TO BE USED AS MILOS (UNMO GROUP) HQ.

F. RECONNAISSANCE WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON 29 OCTOBER IN BUKUNBA TO IDENTIFY PREMISES FOR DMZ HQ, DMZ BN HQ AND THE UNDOY.

G. A BELGIAN ADVANCE AND/OR RECCE PARTY OF 24 IS BEING ASSISTED WITH ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS (ALTHOUGH UNCLEAR IF THEY ARE CONSIDERED TO BE UNAMIR PERSONNEL OR NOT), TRANSPORT AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATION. M & A DIVISION IS ALSO FACILITATING CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND AUTHORITIES.

H. NO FORMAL INVENTORY AND INSPECTION OF NMOC II EQUIPMENT CAN BE CARRIED OUT UNTIL IT IS CONFIRMED WHICH EQUIPMENT WILL BE DONATED TO UNAMIR AND UNTIL COMPETENT STAFF HAVE ARRIVED.

I. PAYMENTS, ESPECIALLY OF MSA, TO NEWLY ARRIVED STAFF AND TO UNMOS TO BE (FROM NMOC IX) IS A PROBLEM IN THE ABSENCE OF AN APPROVED BUDGET AND RELEVANT AUTHORIZATION. IN ADDITION, IT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN LARGE SUMS OF DOLLAR BILLS. A PROBLEM WHICH LONG-TERM MAY HAVE TO BE SETTLED BY SPECIFIC MEASURE.

J. IDENTITY CARDS ARE BEING ISSUED TO ALL UNAMIR PERSONNEL ON ARRIVAL.


L. THE TRANSPORT SITUATION IS CLOSE TO DESPERATE. THE COMBINED RESOURCES OF UNDP AND RENTAL CAR COMPANIES AT UNAMIR DISPOSAL IS CURRENTLY 9 VEHICLES WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 25 (TWO BUSES) PLUS 39 (EIGHT SEDAN OR 4X4) = 64 SEATS. NMOC II FLEET HAS A FLEET OF 47 VEHICLES OF WHICH 10 ARE OPERATIONAL. THIS DOES NOT COVER THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR UNMOS IN THE DMZ.

M. ACCORDING TO THE FC THE SECRETARIAT AND CLINICAL ASSISTANCE TO MILITARY HOS IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CAO. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR THIS IN THE STAFFING TABLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION DIVISION. LOCAL PERSONNEL CANNOT BE USED (FOR SECURITY REASONS).
AMONG IMMEDIATE CHALLENGES ARE NEGOTIATIONS WITH KIGALI GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF UNAMIR PERSONNEL; NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE KIGALI AIRPORT AUTHORITIES TO OBTAIN PREMISES FOR A LOGISTICS BASE, FOR MOVEMENT CONTROL AND FOR UNAMIR AIRCRAFT; EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL LOCAL PERSONNEL; ARRANGEMENT FOR UNAMIR POCHUS, POST OFFICE BOX AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR THE NEW MISSION HEADQUARTERS.

IX. CONCLUSION:

ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO MAKE UNAMIR PRESENCE FELT IN RWANDA. WILL COMMENCE DETAILED SEPARATE AND THEN JOINT CLARIFICATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT AND RPF REPRESENTATIVES ON PROTOCOLS AND SOPS FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING OF THE KIGALI WEAPONS SECURE AREA. BRIGADIER CONTINGENT COMMANDER EXPECTS THE FIRST COMPANY OF THE KIGALI BN TO BE DEPLOYED BY 5 NOVEMBER 1993. MONITORING AND PERSONALLY VISITING BURUNDI REFUGEE CAMPS OVER NEXT FEW DAYS. KILLINGS, PARTICULARLY IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS AND FRICTION WITH LOCAL HUTU POPULATION COULD IGNITE THE SITUATION. CONSIDERABLE BLUE BERET PRESENCE/VISIBILITY (EVEN IF ONLY VISITING) IN REFUGEE CAMPS ESSENTIAL. PEUX CE QUE VEUX. ALLONS-Y.

X. REGARDS.