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Subject

SECURITY COUNCIL: RWANDA: UNOMUR

Summary

- Council renews UNOMUR's mandate for final 3 months (till 21 September)
- Resolution amended to spell out operational phase-down
- At France's initiative, possibility of having another look at extending UNOMUR's mandate is left open by requesting further Sec Gen report by 21 September

Action

For information

Report

2 Council adopted resolution 928 (15-0-0) today renewing UNOMUR's mandate for a final 3 month period. Significant changes from draft resolution included deletion of both pp5 (reference to no cross-border movement of arms) and pp7 (reference to UNOMUR continuing until there is a cease-fire), to Op2 as you proposed and to op3 so as to delete the specific date on which UNOMUR would be terminated and leave open a further report before final termination.

3 As regards pp5, US proposal for its deletion was accepted. While it is probably true that UNOMUR has not

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detected any cross border flow of arms there was a degree of scepticism amongst Council members that there has been no flow at all from Uganda in recent months. US said that they believed arms had crossed the border and the para was therefore factually wrong.

4 Proposal to delete pp7 was based on the slightly conflicting nature of the Sec Gen's recommendation (which UK drew attention to) that UNOMUR continue in place until there is a cease-fire but be closed down on 21 September (ie regardless of whether there is in fact a cease-fire by then). This aspect of the report has therefore been dropped.

5 Most significant proposal was from France which argued that the situation on the ground may have changed by September in which case it might be appropriate to revisit the question of UNOMUR's termination. In those circumstances they proposed that the Sec Gen be asked to provide a further report before the (final) mandate expires on 21 September.

6 New pp was agreed reaffirming need for observance of general arms embargo.

7 We secured amendment to op2 as per your C24739 to spell out the operational phase-down rather than to merely refer to para 14 of Sec Gen's report.

End Message