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Subject

SECURITY COUNCIL: RWANDA

As you may know from media reports, the WEU Permanent Council yesterday met to discuss Rwanda. Text of the decision made is below:

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"Press Guidelines"

Brussels, 21 June 1994

The WEU Permanent Council met today to discuss further the situation in Rwanda.

A number of member States confirmed their readiness to contribute to the initiative to alleviate the terrible sufferings in Rwanda, subject to a new decision from the United Nations Security Council, taking into account the time needed to gather the necessary resources for the effective deployment of expanded UNAMIR.

In this context, the Council has decided to give WEU's support to the efforts of its member States by ensuring the coordination of their contributions.

To this end, the Council confirmed the mandate given at its last meeting to the Planning Cell and instructed it to act as a contact and coordination point between contributing states and the headquarters commanding the operation.

The Council welcomes the readiness of certain African States to contribute to the international humanitarian efforts in Rwanda which it considers essential.

The Council will continue to monitor the situation in Rwanda, notably in the light of decisions of the United Nations Security Council."

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2 We have been unable today to gain any detailed insight from contacts into the discussions, though we understand that no WEU member had disagreed with the decision as issued above, although Germany and Luxembourg did not participate in the exchange of views. Belgium has yet to make any firm decisions on what legislative support it may provide to the French force. Our Belgian MFA contact emphasised, however, the point in the WEU announcement that contributions to assist the French effort were "subject to a new decision from the UN Security Council."

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