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DRAFT SIMON RESOLUTION ON RWANDA

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding U.S. action to ameliorate the humanitarian crisis in Rwanda.

Mr. SIMON (for himself...) *Moynihan, Durenburger, Leahy, Lugar, Jeffords, Pell, Kennedy*

Whereas since April 6, 1994, elements of the Rwandan government forces, their allied militias and the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) have massacred hundreds of thousands of Rwandan civilians, of both Tutsi and Hutu ethnic origin;

Whereas an estimated 2 million Rwandans have been internally displaced, and at least 400,000 have fled to neighboring countries;

Whereas the suspension of almost all humanitarian relief operations inside Rwanda, together with threats of a large-scale epidemic brought on by decomposing corpses, has put millions of lives at risk and has threatened the stability of the entire central African region;

Whereas the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR), deployed to assist implementation of the August 1993 Arusha accords between the Rwandan Government and the RPF, has been scaled back from 2,500 to 270 troops, with no mandate to protect civilians;

Whereas the United States, together with the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (OAU), is exploring options for a reinforced UNAMIR operation;

Whereas on April 26, 1994, the Senate agreed to S. Res. 207, deploring the massacres and urging prompt resolution of this crisis;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Senate

1) urges the speedy deployment of a reinforced UNAMIR operation, comprised of troops from African nations, to protect civilians in Rwanda;
preferably

2) urges the creation of temporary safe zones for civilians in selected areas inside Rwanda, and the establishment of protected corridors for the safe and speedy delivery of humanitarian relief;

3) urges the President to request necessary financial and

material resources to facilitate and expedite this expanded UNAMIR deployment, and to seek similar commitments from other donor nations;

4) further urges that the United States Government intensify its mediation efforts, in conjunction with U.N. and OAU leadership, to bring about an immediate and unconditional cease-fire among the warring parties in Rwanda and to urge them to recommit themselves to the principles set forth in the Arusha peace accords of August 1993.