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KENGO GOVERNMENT FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU. BRUSSELS WILL NOT RESUME
ITS COOPERATION WITH KINSHASA BUT WILL INSTEAD STRENGTHEN ITS AID TOINFO AFP-01 AS-01 XYA-02 XW-01 KE-01 PMA-01 ZF-01 BY-01
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THE ZAIREAN POPULATION THROUGH NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

FINALLY, BELGIUM WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP SUBSTANTIALLY ITS
COOPERATION WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY SOUTH AFRICA. SOME
SPEAKERS VOICED CONCERN THAT THESE NEW PRIORITIES MAY LEAD BELGIUM
TO ABANDON ITS THREE FORMER SOUTHERN AFRICAN COLONIES AT THIS TIME
THAT THEY ARE EXPERIENCING THE MOST DRAMATIC SITUATION IN THE
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TEXT:

//((REPORT BY ANNE-MARIE MOURADIAN FROM BRUSSELS))

(FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT) A HEATED AND LONG DEBATE IN THE SENATE
FOLLOWED THE PRESENTATION BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT OF THE
PRIORITIES OF ITS NEW AFRICAN POLICY. BRUSSELS' RELATIONSHIP WITH
ITS FORMER COLONIES REMAINS PASSIONATE AND DELICATE. WHAT BELGIAN
FAMILY, SAID ONE PARLIAMENTARIAN, DOES NOT HAVE SOME KIND OF LINK
WITH ZAIRE, RWANDA, OR BURUNDI?THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT IT IS TIME TO TURN THE PAGE OF A
POLICY THAT HAS OFTEN BEEN NEOCOLONIAL AND TO LET THE AFRICANS TAKE
CHARGE OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND DEFINE THEIR OWN PATH TOWARD
DEMOCRACY.THREE ELEMENTS CHARACTERIZE THIS NEW AFRICAN POLICY. BELGIUM
WILL CONTINUE TO PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. FROM
NOW ON IT WILL FAVOR A MULTILATERAL ACTION. AS FOR ZAIRE, BRUSSELS
DEPLORES THE FACT THERE IS STILL NO SIGN OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE

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