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SUBJ: PRESIDENT DISCUSSES CEASE-FIRE, ENDING WAR

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IN FRENCH 1115 GHT 13 MAR 93

TEXT:

((EXCERPTS)) TODAY THE HEAD OF STATE, MAJOR GENERAL JUVENAL HABYARIMANA, AT THE URURWIRO HOTEL CHAIRED A MEETING WHICH INCLUDED CHIEFS OF STAFF OF THE RWANDAN ARMED FORCES, THE COMMANDERS OF UNITS, AND COMMANDERS OF MILITARY OPERATIONS. ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE THE PRIME MINISTER, DR. DISHAS NSENGIYAREMYE AND THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, DR. JAMES GASANA.

THE MEETING COMES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SEARCH FOR A SURE AND LASTING PEACE FOR OUR COUNTRY. HERE IS WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID:

((BEGIN HABYARIMANA RECORDING)) ((PASSAGE OMITTED)) FOR MY PART, I UNDERLINED THAT I HAD ACCEPTED THE DAR ES SALAAM RESULTS AND THAT I SUPPORT ANYTHING THAT CAN STOP THE FIGHTING, BRING BACK PEACE TO OUR COUNTRY. I ALSO REITERATED MY SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS WHICH FAVOR THE RETURN OF THE WAR-DISPLACED TO THEIR HOMES AND GUARANTEE THEIR SECURITY. THEREFORE, I KEEP HOPING.

I ALSO CALL UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO HELP US SO THAT THE TWO PARTIES WILL RESPECT THEIR COMMITMENTS. AS YOU KNOW, THE

COUNCIL SO THAT ON ONE HAND, INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS CONTROL THE RWANDAN-UGANDAN BORDER AND ON THE OTHER AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE CONTROLS THE AREA BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE RWANDAN ARMED FORCES AND THOSE OCCUPIED BY THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) BEFORE THE CEASE-FIRE VIOLATION ON 8 FEBRUARY - THE AREA TO WHERE THE RPF FIGHTERS WILL HAVE WITHDRAWN BETWEEN NOW AND 17 MARCH.

CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF FRENCH TROOPS, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT THEY ARE IN RWANDA FOLLOWING A FRIENDLY COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANCE AND RWANDA. IT IS WORTH STRESSING ON THIS SUBJECT ALSO THAT THE INTERPRETATIONS WERE FAR FROM THE SPIRIT OF DAR ES SALAAM.

IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO STRESS THAT REDUCING THE FRENCH FORCE IN RWANDA WILL ONLY BE CARRIED OUT AFTER AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND RWANDAN GOVERNMENTS, ONCE THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THE EFFECTIVE WITHDRAWAL OF THE RPF FIGHTERS TO THEIR POSITIONS PRIOR TO 8 FEBRUARY 1993.

OUR SUPPORT FOR THE ARUSHA NEGOTIATIONS REMAINS COMPLETE, INCLUDING OUR COMMITMENT TO A STRICT RESPECT FOR THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, CEASE-FIRE NO LONGER MEANS AN END TO HOSTILITIES. EACH ONE OF US HAS WITNESSED THAT. THEREFORE IT WOULD NOT BE BELLICOSE TO ASK THE PEOPLE AND THE RWANDAN ARMED FORCES IN PARTICULAR, TO REMAIN VIGILANT. THE RWANDAN ARMED FORCES MUST REMAIN READY FOR COMBAT AND THE PEOPLE MUST REMAIN ON THEIR SIDE AND ORGANIZE THEMSELVES FOR THEIR OWN DEFENSE. I THEREFORE ENTRUST YOU WITH THAT ORDER OF VIGILANCE: BE READY TO HIT BACK FOLLOWING ANY AGGRESSIVE ACTION BY OUR ATTACKERS.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, GENTLEMEN, IN OUR NOBLE AND DEMANDING MISSION, THE RWANDAN ARMED FORCES NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE THEY PROTECT. PEOPLE AND THE ARMED FORCES THEREFORE MUST LIVE AND WORK IN PERFECT HARMONY. ON SEVERAL OCCASION IN THE PAST, I HAILED THE EFFORTS OF THE RWANDAN PEOPLE IN SUPPORTING THE RWANDAN ARMED

FORCES. I CALL UPON THEM TO DO THE SAME TODAY. THE RWANDAN ARMED FORCES THEMSELVES ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE.

HOWEVER IT IS ALWAYS WITH SADNESS, THAT I HAVE TO DENOUNCE THE BEHAVIOR OF SOME SOLDIERS. THOUGH FEW, THEIR ACTION IS SO DETRIMENTAL. TO SOLDIERS WHO TAKE PART IN ((WORD INDISTINCT)) ACTIONS AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE, THOSE WHO LOOT, THOSE WHO RAPE, THOSE WHO CARRY OUT ACTS OF VANDALISM, I CALL UPON ALL OF YOU - ALL THE MILITARY OFFICIALS, EACH MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES - TO SERIOUSLY FIND A SOLUTION TO THIS ASPECT OF DISCIPLINE THROUGH FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH THEIR MEN AND THROUGH IDEOLOGICAL EDUCATION THAT SHOULD BE RELAUNCHED AND STRENGTHENED. OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS MUST PROCEED WITH POSITIVE AWARENESS. THE RECENT DECISIONS WHICH WERE TAKEN TO DECENTRALIZE SOME ADMINISTRATIVE AND DISCIPLINARY TASKS IN FAVOR OF THE OPERATIONAL SECTORS WILL HELP IN THE ((WORDS INDISTINCT)). I HOPE THAT THE DECISIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED VERY SOON. THE JUSTICE MINISTRY SHOULD ALSO MAKE EFFORTS TO ERADICATE THE EVIL. ((PASSAGE OMITTED)) ((END RECORDING))

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