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// SOUTH AFRICA VIEWS PEACEKEEPING DEPLOYMENT TO BURUNDI AS A STEP TO GREATER ROLE ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT (U) WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASSIFIED ~~S-E-C-R-E-T~~ ~~NOFORN~~

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SUMMARY: (S/NF) IN EARLY NOVEMBER 2001, SOUTH AFRICA DEPLOYED A PEACEKEEPING UNIT TO BURUNDI TO PROTECT POLITICAL OFFICIALS. THE MOVE IS VIEWED AS NECESSARY BY SOME SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS TO SLOWLY INCREASE ITS INVOLVEMENT IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS ON THE CONTINENT. SOUTH AFRICA IS EXPECTED TO PLAY A LARGER ROLE THAN IT HAS IN THE PAST.

TEXT: (S/NF) IN EARLY NOVEMBER, SOUTH AFRICA DEPLOYED A 704 MAN UNIT TO PERFORM PEACEKEEPING DUTIES IN BURUNDI AT THE URGING OF FORMER PRESIDENT NELSON ((MANDELA)).

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THERE IS NO ESTABLISHED TIME FRAME TO WITHDRAW THE UNIT. HOWEVER, THE SOLDIERS WILL ROTATE AFTER A SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME ONLY TO BE REPLACED BY FRESHER SOLDIERS.

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