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THIS DOCUMENT IS INTENDED TO ALERT SENIOR DOD OFFICIALS TO POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT COULD IMPACT ON US INTERESTS ABROAD. THE ITEMS REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF (b)(3):10 USC 424. IT IS CURRENT AS OF 19 DECEMBER. THIS FORECAST REPLACES BOTH THE QUARTERLY WARNING FORECAST AND WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE FORECAST SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION THIS WEEK.

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RWANDA-UGANDA-BURUNDI: REGIONAL INSTABILITY. (U)

1. (~~SNF~~) CURRENT SITUATION: **RWANDA** AND UGANDA'S POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN DECLINING SINCE OCTOBER 1990, WHEN THE **RWANDA** PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) ATTACKED AN AREA IN NORTHERN **RWANDA** NEAR THE BORDER WITH UGANDA. OFFICIALS IN KIGALI ACCUSED UGANDA OF SUPPORTING THE INSURGENTS. KAMPALA DENIED THE ACCUSATIONS. THE RPF HAS CONTINUED ATTACKS IN VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY, MOST RECENTLY IN THE MUTARE SECTOR. THE RPF IS REPORTEDLY FIGHTING FOR AN EQUAL SHARE OF POWER. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE URGED THE INSURGENTS TO PUT DOWN THEIR ARMS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PROCESS, NEGOTIATIONS HAVE STAGNATED.

2. (~~SNF~~) BURUNDI HAS RAISED REGIONAL TENSION BY ACCUSING **RWANDA** OF HARBORING THE DISSIDENT PALIPEHUTU REBEL GROUP. THE INSURGENTS HAVE STATED THAT THEY SPEAK FOR ALL THE HUTU PEOPLE, AND THEY ARE DEMANDING AN EQUAL VOICE IN THE TUTSI-DOMINATED BUJUMBURA GOVERNMENT. ON 23 NOVEMBER THE PALIPEHUTU INSURGENTS WERE BLAMED FOR A SERIES OF ATTACKS ON MILITARY AND SECURITY INSTALLATIONS IN BURUNDI, INCLUDING A STRIKE ON A POLICE STATION IN BUJUMBURA. FIGHTING BETWEEN THE PALIPEHUTU AND THE BURUNDI GOVERNMENT FORCES RAGED FOR SEVERAL DAYS, AND 200 PEOPLE WERE REPORTED KILLED. A RWANDAN DIPLOMAT IN BURUNDI WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DECLARED "PERSONA NON GRATA." HE WAS ACCUSED OF DIRECTING THE ACTIVITIES OF SIX UNSPECIFIED RWANDAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN BUJUMBURA. KIGALI RESPONDED BY EJECTING A BURUNDI DIPLOMAT.

3. (~~SNF~~) ETHNIC DIVISIONS IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES HAVE SERVED AS THE BASIS FOR THE FORMATION OF THE TWO INSURGENT GROUPS. THE ECONOMIC STRAIN CAUSED BY THE TIGHTENING OF BORDERS BETWEEN THE

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COUNTRIES HAS AGGRAVATED THE ETHNIC-BASED POLITICAL TENSION. TRADE IN THE REGION IS BEING HINDERED BY CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF INSURGENT ENTRY. THIS REDUCED COMMERCE QUITE LIKELY CONTRIBUTES TO THE DECLINING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES.

4. ~~(S/NF)~~ OUTLOOK: REGIONAL INSTABILITY IS LIKELY TO RISE WITHIN THE NEXT 90 DAYS. THE RPF AND PALIPEHUTU INSURGENT OPERATIONS WILL INTENSIFY SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN BUOYED BY RECENT SUCCESSES. THE RPF WILL CONTINUE TO CONCENTRATE OPERATIONS ON THE **RWANDA**-UGANDA BORDER. PALIPEHUTU ATTACKS IN BUJUMBURA WILL INCREASE. MOREOVER, GOVERNMENT FORCES IN **RWANDA** AND BURUNDI MAY BECOME FRUSTRATED BY THEIR LACK OF PROGRESS IN SUBDUING THE INSURGENTS, AND INCIDENTS OF INDISCIPLINE AMONG GOVERNMENT TROOPS IN BOTH COUNTRIES WILL PROBABLY INCREASE. THE ECONOMIC DECLINE OF ALL THREE COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF REGIONAL TENSION CONTINUES.

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