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SUBJ: **RWANDA**: OAU MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP. (U)

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TEXT: 1. (S) KIGALI HAS ACCUSED THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP (MOG) OF PARTIALITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE THREE MANNED OBSERVATION POSTS THE MOG SET UP ALONG THE **RWANDA-UGANDA** BORDER INSIDE **RWANDA** ON 18 MAY.

2. (S) GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT THE MOG LOCATED THE OBSERVATION POSTS AWAY FROM AREAS OF REBEL CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND THAT IT IS NOT INSPECTING THE UGANDAN SIDE OF THE BORDER. ALTHOUGH THE MOG HAS OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM KAMPALA TO PERFORM AN INSPECTION IN UGANDA, ONE IS NOT LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE UNTIL MID-JUNE AT THE EARLIEST. MEANWHILE, THE MOG IS BEING PLAGUED BY POOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, AND COUNTRIES PLEDGING LOGISTIC AID HAVE BEEN SLOW TO DELIVER ON THEIR PROMISES, POSSIBLY FURTHER DELAYING THE MOG IN ORGANIZING ITS FORCE OF 45 OFFICERS FROM ZAIRE, UGANDA, AND BURUNDI.

3. (S) COMMENT: **RWANDA** MAY FEEL SURROUNDED AND AT A DISADVANTAGE, SINCE THE MOG, WITH THE MISSION OF MONITORING CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS, IS COMPOSED OF PERSONNEL FROM THREE OF THE COUNTRY'S NEIGHBORS. KIGALI HAS, AT BEST, ONLY CORRECT RELATIONS WITH THE NEIGHBORING GOVERNMENTS. ONE OAU PARTICIPANT, UGANDA, IS STILL AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF **RWANDA'S** REBEL FACTION.

4. (S) MANY OF THE **RWANDAN** GOVERNMENT'S MINISTERS HAVE CALLED FOR A UN OBSERVER GROUP, HOPING FOR MORE EVEN-HANDED CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT THE LACK OF FINANCES TO SUPPORT SUCH A GROUP PRESENTS A MAJOR OBSTACLE. MEANWHILE, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MOG, THE OAU'S ALTERNATIVE TO THE UN, IS HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE.

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