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1. ~~(S)~~ EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR **RWANDA** ARE PROGRESSING SLOWLY, ALTHOUGH THE UNIT IS UNLIKELY TO BE DEPLOYED BY THE EARLY SEPTEMBER TARGET DATE. ADVANCE ELEMENTS OF A SEPARATE, BUT RELATED, UN BORDER-MONITORING FORCE ARE BEGINNING TO ARRIVE IN UGANDA, AND A SMALLER, INTERIM ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY {OAU} PEACEKEEPING FORCE REMAINS IN KIGALI.

2. ~~(S)~~ THE 4 AUGUST PEACE ACCORD ENDING **RWANDA'S** 3-YEAR INSURGENCY CALLS FOR AN INTERIM MULTIPARTY GOVERNMENT TO BE IN PLACE BY 10 SEPTEMBER. A NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING FORCE {NIF} WOULD ALSO BE INTRODUCED AT THAT TIME. THIS FORCE IS TO ACT AS A BUFFER BETWEEN THE OPPOSING GOVERNMENT AND RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT {RPF} TROOPS, WHILE ASSISTING WITH THEIR DEMOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION INTO A NEW MILITARY. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, UN PLANS FOR SUCH A FORCE HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING VERY SLOWLY. A 14-PERSON UN RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ARRIVED IN KIGALI ON 19 AUGUST TO ASSESS WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED OF THE NIF. THE TEAM MUST SUBMIT ITS FINAL REPORT TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL BY 4 SEPTEMBER, BUT THE TEAM HAS ALREADY INDICATED THAT THE FORCE CANNOT BE DEPLOYED BY THE 10TH.

3. ~~(S)~~ COMMENT: LOGISTIC, ORGANIZATIONAL, AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR TWO OR THREE CONCURRENT PEACEKEEPING/MONITORING GROUPS WILL ONLY ADD TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THE UN OPERATION. MOST OF THE NIF WILL PROBABLY NOT BE DEPLOYED UNTIL AT LEAST OCTOBER. SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL UN DELAYS COULD THREATEN THE PEACE PROCESS, BUT THUS FAR, THE CEASE-FIRE IS HOLDING AND NEITHER SIDE APPEARS EAGER FOR RENEWED FIGHTING. THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND THE RPF WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO AGREE ON A SHORT EXTENSION FOR THE 10 SEPTEMBER TARGET DATE, OR TO A SMALLER, INTERIM UN/OAU FORCE IN KIGALI TO GUARANTEE RPF SECURITY

4. ~~(S)~~ MANY BASIC QUESTIONS REMAIN CONCERNING THE PROJECTED COST, SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND MISSION OF THE NIF. THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT WANTS 4,000 TO 5,000 UN TROOPS. HOWEVER, A FORCE OF 1,500 TO 3,000

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COULD SUFFICE. ALTHOUGH RPF OFFICIALS HOPE TO BRING A 600-MEMBER SECURITY BATTALION WITH THEM TO KIGALI BY EARLY SEPTEMBER, THE OFFICIALS SAY THEY WILL NOT COME UNLESS 500 TO 1,000 UN/OAU TROOPS ARE PRESENT AND THE TWO COMPANIES OF TROOPS SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT HAVE LEFT. THE OAU ALREADY HAS A 65-MAN NEUTRAL MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP STATIONED IN KIGALI, BUT THIS GROUP MAY ONLY EXPAND TO ABOUT 125 TROOPS AND MAY EVENTUALLY BE ABSORBED BY THE NIF. ELEMENTS OF ANOTHER AGREED UPON MULTINATIONAL FORCE, THE UN OBSERVER MISSION IN UGANDA/**RWANDA** {UNOMUR}, HAVE BEGUN TO ARRIVE IN KAMPALA THIS UNIT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING UGANDA'S BORDER WITH **RWANDA** AND

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FOR DOCUMENTING ANY UNSANCTIONED MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM KAMPALA TO THE RPF. THE BULK OF UNOMUR'S 81 UNARMED MILITARY AND 17 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL SHOULD BE DEPLOYED BY 15 SEPTEMBER. ~~{DECL OADR}~~

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