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SUMMARY: (U) SUMMARY OF THE ENTRANCE OF SANDF FORCES INTO
BURUNDI. REPORT PROVIDES EXCELLENT WEB SITE FOR TRACKING
INFORMATION ON SANDF OPERATIONS. ENCLOSURE.

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--(C)--THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA AND BURUNDI SIGNED
A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON FRIDAY 26 OCT OBER 2001
PAVING THE WAY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) TO
DEPLOY SA NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE (SANDF) TROOPS TO BURUNDI.

--(C)--THE FIRST GROUP OF [REDACTED] TROOPS UNDER THE
COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL STEVEN ((KOB)), THE GENERAL
OFFICER COMMANDING 43 SOUTH AFRICAN BRIGADE, LEFT FROM AIR
FORCE BASE WATERKLOOF, PRETORIA, ON THE MORNING OF SUNDAY
28 OCTOBER 2001 AND ARRIVED IN BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI, LATER
THE SAME DAY.

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--(C)--A SECOND GROUP OF [REDACTED] TROOPS LEFT FROM THE AIR
BASE ON THE MORNING OF TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2001. THE THIRD
GROUP OF [REDACTED] TROOPS IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN BURUNDI
AT THE WEEKEND.

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--(C)--THE TROOPS, ALL IN UNIFORM AND ARMED, ARE DRAWN
FROM A NUMBER OF UNITS IN THE SANDF LIKE PARATROOPERS FROM
44 PARACHUTE BRIGADE, MEDICAL ORDERLIES FROM THE SA
MILITARY HEALTH SERVICE, VIP PROTECTION UNITS FROM THE SA
AIR FORCE, SIGNALERS FROM WONDERBOOM MILITARY BASE, WHILE
THE HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT COMES FROM 43 SA BRIGADE.

--(C)--THE UNITED NATION ENDORSED THE BROAD OPERATIONAL
CONCEPT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION ON 23 OCTOBER 01.

--(C)--IN TERMS OF THIS CONCEPT THE CONTINGENT IS
MANDATED TO PROTECT BURUNDI POLITICAL LEADERS RETURNING
FROM EXILE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT
WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE IN PLACE BY 1 NOVEMBER 01.

--(C)--THE PERIOD OF SERVICE OF THE SA CONTINGENT IN
BURUNDI IS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION AND DISCUSSION WITH THE

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TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT IT WILL REMAIN THERE FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD WITH ROTATION OF TROOPS AFTER THAT IF REQUIRED.

~~(C)~~ THE POSSIBLE ENTRANCE OF OTHER TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES COULD ALSO AFFECT THIS PERIOD.

~~(C)~~ THE BURUNDI PEACE PROCESS FACILITATOR, FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT, MR. NELSON ((MANDELA)), NEGOTIATED THE FUNDING OF THIS OPERATION.

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~~(C)~~ ADDRESSING A MEDIA CONFERENCE IN PRETORIA ON 26 OCTOBER 2001, THE CHIEF OF THE SANDF, GENERAL S. ((NYANDA)), SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE TROOPS DEPLOYED WERE WELL-PREPARED FOR THE MISSION THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN, BUT NEVERTHELESS HAD CONTINGENCY PLANS IN PLACE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE TROOPS IF THINGS DID NOT TURN OUT AS HE WOULD HAVE LIKED THEM." END QUOTE.

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