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(U) BURUNDI: PARTIAL PEACE AGREEMENT POSSIBLE
AS OF 0500Z 23 AUG 00

1. ~~(S)~~ BURUNDI PEACE FACILITATOR NELSON MANDELA APPEARS TO BE
BACKING
AWAY FROM HIS INSISTENCE THAT BURUNDI'S MINORITY TUTSI GOVERNMENT
AND
HUTU OPPOSITION SIGN A HIGH-RISK COMPREHENSIVE PEACE AGREEMENT NEXT
WEEK IN ARUSHA.

-- WHILE MANDELA REMAINS PUBLICLY COMMITTED FOR NOW TO HIS
DEADLINE, THE PARTIES REPORTEDLY ARE MOVING TOWARD ACCEPTING THOSE
ACCORD PROVISIONS THAT ARE NOT DISPUTED -- SUCH AS THOSE DEALING
WITH
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT -- AND COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO
RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES LATER.

2. ~~(S)~~ BUYOYA NEEDS MORE TIME. A PARTIAL AGREEMENT WOULD BUY
PRESIDENT BUYOYA TIME TO REASSURE HIS TUTSI CONSTITUENCY THAT HE
WILL
NOT MAKE CONCESSIONS, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING THE MILITARY, THAT PUT
TUTSI SECURITY AT RISK.

-- BUYOYA MET WITH KEY OFFICIALS AFTER HIS RETURN LAST WEEK FROM
TALKS WITH THE HUTUS AND MANDELA'S TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ASSURED
THEM THAT HE WILL NOT SIGN A FINAL AGREEMENT NEXT WEEK.

3. ~~(S)~~ RUSHED ACCORD RISKS VIOLENT BACKLASH. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT
THAT BUYOYA SIGNED A COMPREHENSIVE ACCORD NEXT WEEK -- OR IF TUTSI
EXTREMISTS OVERREACTED TO A PARTIAL AGREEMENT -- BUYOYA MIGHT BE
OUSTED AND A VIOLENT INTRA-TUTSI STRUGGLE FOR POWER MIGHT ENSUE.

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