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TO SECRETARY-GENERAL

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1. The Rwandese Foreign Ministry, by a note verbale dated 15 September 1995, has invited the Secretary-General to attend official reburial ceremonies on 1 October 1995 for the late Maj. Gen. Fred Rwigema, who preceded Gen. Kagame as the war-time Chief of Staff of the Rwandese Patriotic Army (RPA). Gen. Rwigema died during fighting with the former Rwandese Government Forces (RGF), in October 1990. In connection with the invitation, as the note verbale stipulates, the Rwandese Government will bear the cost of participation for two members of the delegation from 29 September to 2 October.

2. We have informally made it known to the authorities that their invitation would be transmitted to the Secretary-General but at the same time cautioned that the Secretary-General's earlier commitments and schedule, especially during the fiftieth anniversary celebrations in October in New York, may preclude his personal attendance. We would recommend, instead, that I should, as the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Rwanda, represent him at the event. Other members of the delegation might include, if the Secretary-General agrees, UNAMIR's Force Commander, Gen. Tousignant, as well as the former UNAMIR Executive Director and currently Director of the United Nations Political Office in Somalia (UNPOS), Dr. Abdul Hamid Kabia. As indicated in paragraph 1 above, there would be no cost to the United Nations in connection with the participation.

3. We look forward to receiving your guidance on the matter, so as to inform the Rwandese authorities accordingly.

4. Best regards.