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Rwanda - Endgame

1. Since yesterday (3 April), I have held extensive discussions with Dr. Ndahiro - Vice President Kagame's closest advisor - and Claude Dusaidi. I have also discussed liquidation procedures with my fast dwindling corps of officials. The following is the picture that emerges:

UNOR's Mandate

2. Dusaidi told me that GOR expected UNOR's mandate to elaborate on Rwanda's expectations of support from UN. The Foreign Minister's letter to the Security Council had specifically referred to these expectations which were intended to provide UNOR with Trust Fund capability to assist Rwanda in forinstance, repair of infrastructure, revival of the judicial system, rehabilitation of refugees. GOR also expected UNOR to play a supervisory role with the specialized agencies. Dusaidi stated that these expectations had not, so far, been addressed. He added that without this capability or resource base, it may be best to leave UNDP, UNHCR to carry out their responsibilities. I told Dusaidi that I would shortly be conveying a written proposal for UNOR's mandate and that he could respond with Government's views.

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3. It is evident that GOR expects a more detailed negotiations on UNOR's mandate. Negotiations that are likely to extend beyond April 19.

#### Contractor's Tax Dues

4. Dr. Ndahiro had suggested to me, yesterday, that the tax issue should be de-linked from the equipment issue. I welcomed the thought and suggested a conclusive round to resolve the issue, possibly with another visit from Mr. Ssekande. Dusaidi, however, felt that there was no point to further negotiations. He felt the matter had been discussed threadbare and it was for UN to decide on the basis of GOR's claims. If UN declined to pay the dues, Rwanda would make a public statement stating its position. Dusaidi continues to take umbrage at the reference to this issue in the Secretary-General's last Report which, he states, gave a false account of the state of negotiations.

#### Equipment

5. As expected, GOR have tended to turn up their nose at the equipment that we intend to leave behind. They consider it inferior compared to items being transported out. They contend that their specific needs have also not been met. Nevertheless, it is unlikely that GOR would decline the gift. Dusaidi made the point that GOR may request "maintenance equipment" to service some of the items being left, for instance the pre-fabricated housing complex required sewerage cleaning equipment.

6. The outflow of equipment being sent out continues to take place smoothly. Nevertheless, even if we receive green lights all the way down the line, I do not believe, we can physically process the issue by 19 April. I, therefore, feel that a rear unit to administer equipment as also an area to store it would be necessary for about a month after 19 April.

#### Liquidation process

7. The liquidation process is being hampered by two separate developments.

a) As the Amahoro Hotel may not now be available to ICTR, we shall have to start dismantling the equipment, packing it for storage and moving out ourselves from next week (i.e 9 April). Thus for about a week, UNAMIR will have to operate from Trafipro and

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the entire communication system used by all UN agencies, transferred to an alternative site. ICTR are making a final effort to secure the Amahoro Hotel on Saturday 6 April but the chances of a decision being made before 9 April are less than 50%.

b) The need for a secure storage space for our equipment and for the retention of a rear party, necessitates that we retain Trafipro for a further month. Trafipro provides office space, warehouse, parking space and relative security.

8. At present UNHCR are negotiating a take-over Trafipro which we should cost-share (UN radio and possibly UNOR would need space at Trafipro if Amahoro Hotel does not come through). However, if UNHCR are unable to finalise their deal, it is absolutely essential that we retain Trafipro for a further month, as an essential safety net for UNAMIR.

Best regards.

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