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As you will see from the attached summary of the informal consultations held on 13 April, the Security Council was informed by Mr. Gharekhan of the demonstration held last week in front of UNAMIR headquarters. We apologize for the delay in forwarding this information to you. Regards.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Thursday, 13 April 1995Other MattersRwanda

Mr. Gharekhan informed members that a demonstration planned by extremist elements had taken place yesterday against UNAMIR. UNAMIR estimated that about 3000 demonstrators had gathered in front of the entrance, many of them transported there by buses. The protesters carried placards criticizing UNAMIR in strong language and statements made over bullhorns had been hostile and inflammatory, some of them specifically inciting violence against UNAMIR personnel. It appeared certain that the demonstration had been organized, especially since some of the speakers were influential members of the Government. Speakers claimed that UNAMIR did not heed warnings of impending atrocities, and specific charges were made against the Secretary-General, France, the former SRSG and the Belgian troops. The demonstration was part of a campaign against UNAMIR, which was concerned that the inflammatory statements and unfounded allegations made would lead to increased acts of harassment and aggression against its personnel and installations. The SRSG would be registering his concern over the speeches with the authorities at the highest level. The demonstration followed several recent incidents in which UNAMIR's cars had been stoned and its officers insulted.

Rwanda said its Government would respond to Mr. Gharekhan's report at a later time.

Judges for International Tribunal for Rwanda

The President said the Council had now received the nominations for judges, amounting to 21 names. He proposed that members should submit lists of their 12 to 18 choices from among those nominations and submit their lists by 25 April 1995. He would then collate the lists to determine the 18 candidates receiving the most votes and that list would be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The United Kingdom, supported by France, suggested that the Council's nominations should be kept closer to 12 than to 18.