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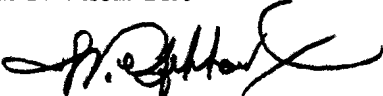


INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**URGENT**

27 October 1995

To: See Distribution List

From: For SRSG 

Subject: Progress Report of the Secretary-General  
to the Security Council on UNAMIR

As you are aware, the present mandate of UNAMIR is scheduled to end on 8 December 1995. Under Security Council resolution 997 of 9 June 1995, the Secretary-General is expected to report to the Security Council before that date on UNAMIR's mandate, the humanitarian situation, progress towards the repatriation of refugees and make recommendations on the future role of the UN in Rwanda. In this connection, Headquarters has informed us that it expects our draft of the report to reach New York by Thursday, 9 November, at the latest. Accordingly, you are kindly requested to submit your contributions covering your respective area(s) of responsibility to me, with a copy to the Executive Director no later than 10 a.m. on Friday, 3 November.

Your contributions should cover developments since the Secretary-General's last progress report to the Security Council on 7 October 1995 (Document S/1995/848), and reflect progress made and/or difficulties encountered in the implementation of the mandate entrusted to UNAMIR under Security Council resolution 997 of 9 June 1995. You may also wish to suggest concluding observations on the overall situation in Rwanda and on the future role of the UN in Rwanda.

Your immediate attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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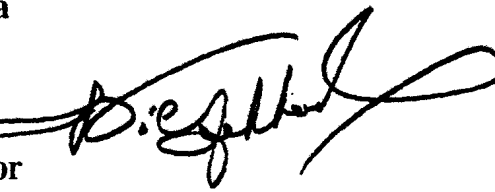


UNAMIR - MINUAR

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 9 October 1995

**To:** Col. Shiva Kumar  
Ms. Susan Matthew  
Mr. Mamady Lamine Condé  
Mr. Mtshana Ncube  
Mr. Paul Ischlika  
Ms. Ladan Rafii

**From:** Wilfrid de Souza   
Executive Director

**Subject:** Status of Mission Agreement

1. As a follow-up to our meeting of this afternoon, please find attached the draft cable we have prepared to convey our views to New York on the proposed new SOMA.
2. I would appreciate receiving your suggestions, if any, by tomorrow noon.
3. Thank you for your cooperation.

OUT-GOING CODE CABLE

TO: ANNAN/GOULDING/CORELL, UNATIONS, NEW YORK  
INFO: KITTANI/GHAREKHAN, UNATIONS, NEW YORK  
FROM: SHAHARYAR M. KHAN, UNAMIR, KIGALI  
DATE: 9 October 1995  
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SUBJECT: MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATUS OF MISSION AGREEMENT  
PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA

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1. We attach for your information an analysis of the text of the new Status of Mission Agreement (SOMA) recently proposed by the Rwandese Government. A copy of the original SOMA, as well as the Government's new version of the Agreement incorporating their proposed changes which we received from the Office of the President are also attached for your reference.

2. All the components of UNAMIR (political, military and administrative), after holding formal consultations on the matter today, have unanimously concluded that the proposed modifications sought by the Government were all to the detriment of UNAMIR and would undermine our position as a United Nations peace-keeping mission. Furthermore, some of the proposals are contrary to the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, as well as standard provisions at other United Nations peace-keeping missions operating in other areas of the world. The committee was of the unanimous view that the proposed text is totally unacceptable. However, we are submitting it for your consideration and legal opinion, as well as any action you may deem appropriate.

3. We look forward to receiving your comments on the proposed modifications to the SOMA on an early basis as the Rwandese Government has indicated its expectations of a quick response on our part.

4. Best regards.