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ATTN: MAJ ZAKYE, LO NRA	
SUBJECT: RELEVANT DOCUMENTS	

1. REFERENCE TO YOUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION PLEASE FIND ATTACHED HERewith DOCUMENTS ON GUIDELINES FOR NRA SUPPORT TO UNOMUR, GUIDELINES FOR NRA/UNOMUR OPERATIONS AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN UGANDA AND UNOMUR WHICH YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS TO MAJ. ZAKYE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
2. REGARDS.

## GUIDELINES FOR NRA SUPPORT TO UNOMUR

### Reference

- A. Meeting between the FC and NRA Commander on 19 October 1993
- B. Letter from UNOMUR HQ (A/CMO) to NRA Army Commander dated 23 October 1993
- C. Memorandum/Sitrep from A/DCMO to A/CMO dated 7 November 1993.

### General

- 1. NRA support to UNOMUR has not been forthcoming as desired. This was/is due to inadequate NRA logistical back up. Reference "A" pursued this matter and it was agreed that NRA would provide 70 military Police (MP) soldiers as guards and escorts and 5 NRA Officers as Liaison Officers.
- 2. Up to now, the NRA have been rendering the required support rather satisfactorily, unfortunately, the MPs come from Northern Uganda and therefore neither know the area along the border nor the local languages spoken.
- 3. In addition to para 2 above, the NRA seem not to know what they will be required to do whilst either on patrol or at a static OP/CP. It should be understood from the onset that these guidelines are **NOT** orders or instructions from UNOMUR, but are merely designed to refine NRA support to UNOMUR.

### Aim

- 4. The aim of these guidelines is to outline what the NRA are expected to do whilst on duty with UNOMUR.

### Patrols

- 5. Mobile Vehicle Patrols - The armed NRA will escort the UNOMUR observer team(s) and also offer protection should any hostile situation arise.
- 6. Foot Patrols - The armed NRA soldier(s) will guide/lead the UNMOs to the respective area which they wish to patrol (see detailed patrol guidelines). They, (NRA) will also offer protection to the UNMOs as in para 5 above.
- 7. Vehicle Check Points - The NRA are:
  - (a) To stop the vehicle(s) suspected by the UNMOs;
  - (b) Ask the driver's (other passengers') particulars - including details of the load being transported;

- (c) If the UNMOs decide to get the vehicle(s) checked, the NRA will ask the driver to open the doors of the trailers etc. Check the vehicle(s) following the vehicle checking drill(s);
  - (d) To direct the off-on loading parties - where necessary;
  - (e) If through, allow the driver to proceed. If anything suspicious is found - detain the vehicle/crew till further instructions are given.
8. Aerial Patrols - Fly together with the AC crew and the UNMOs on patrol. Assist the pilot in maintaining direction along the border line.
9. Boat Patrols - Guidelines to be produced and issued later.

#### OP/CP

10. Whilst performing static guard duties at OPs/CPs, the Officer or Senior Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) will:
- (a) Be responsible for the overall command and control of his soldiers;
  - (b) Ensure that a duty roster is made up and maintained;
  - (c) Ensure that the guard is briefed from time to time;
  - (d) Inspect his guard at least once a day;
  - (e) Check that guards on duty at night are not asleep - ideally at mid-night, 02:00 hrs, 04:00 hrs and at 06:00 hrs;
  - (f) Ensure that guards clean their weapons on a regular basis;
  - (g) Brief the guards on the orders to open fire.

#### Other Guard Duties

11. At UNOMUR and Area East HQs, the Senior NRA NCO will get his daily briefing from the Mission HQ Duty Officer. He is also to perform his duties as in para 10(a) to (g) above.

#### Standby Troops

12. The NRA LO is expected to maintain up to one Section as standby troops at any one time. This will allow for some flexibility when going out on patrols by day or by night. The LO also needs to consider the idea of withdrawing the landrover from Kisoro - that will also make him even more flexible and cut down on a number of logistical problems.

**Conclusion**

13. UNOMUR clearly understands the logistical constraints of NRA and as such, expect the maximum possible support from NRA - within the given limits. The LO will be expected to explain/brief his soldiers on these guidelines - whose aim it is, to refine the NRA support to UNOMUR.

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**22 November 1993**

## **GUIDELINES FOR NRA/UNOMUR OPERATIONS**

- **Reference:**

- (a) Meeting between CMO, DCMO, Political Advisor and CLO on 18 October 1993;
- (b) Undated and unreferenced paper headed **GUIDELINES FOR NRA SUPPORT TO UNOMUR.**

- **General**

- 1. It is true that NRA support has not been forthcoming as desired due to Logistic Constraints. However, the number of required soldiers as guards, escorts and Liaison Officers have been provided to make this mission a success.
- 2. Reference is made on various meetings held between the MSD, CMO, DCMO and CLO concerning Logistic Support for NRA which will be solved gradually.
- 3. The MP's coming from Northern Uganda is not a major problem it will be explained among the guidelines ahead.

- **Aim**

- 4. The Aim of this guidelines is to have a smooth coordination of NRA/UNOMUR while on OPS/DUTY.

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- **See Guidelines for NRA Support to UNOMUR**

5. All is agreed and good except No.2 and No.12 (The last sentence) which is explained below:
  - (a) When NRA/UNOMUR are on patrol, NRA must get a soldier from the nearby detach who knows the borderline areas well to guide the team. This will eliminate:
    - (i) The question of majority MPs coming from Northern Uganda,
    - (ii) There will be no more straying of UNOMUR/NRA personnel in RPF held Rwanda.
  - (b) It is appreciated and a good idea of withdrawing the landrover from Kisoro due to our Logistical Problems. However, the landrover is still required in Kisoro Administratively/Operationally as per our Plans.

- **Timings**

6. It is requested that every day at 1600 hrs, UNOMUR releases operational plan/Programme for the next day to NRA L.O for better planning subsequently.

- **Movement**

7. Any movement of UNOMUR observer outside operational area must be communicated to NRA authorities in advance - should an observer move without any consent from NRA Officials and an incident happens, e.g. accident, theft, thuggery etc., to him, NRA and the Government of Uganda will **NOT** be held responsible.

- **Briefing**

8. As earlier agreed, NRA LO's, escorts and guards have been thoroughly briefed on guidelines provided by UNOMUR and NRA authorities.

- **Boarder Crossing**

9. NRA will not accept routine crossing of our boundaries by UNOMUR Officials until clearance is sought from higher authorities.

- **Conclusion**

10. NRA will endeavor to give its maximum possible support to UNOMUR despite the Logistical Constraints mentioned.

These guidelines should not be noted as final. In case of any alteration, changes in situation both UNOMUR/NRA should come to gather and make alterations to these guidelines that suit the situation.

However, the Logistical Constraints will be solved gradually.

It is expected that both UNOMUR/NRA authorities adhere to these set guidelines for smooth running of duties/OPs to both parties.

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TEXT OF THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA ON THE DRAFT  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN UGANDA AND THE UNITED NATIONS FOR  
THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION UGANDA-RWANDA (UNOMUR)

1. We have no objection to the countries proposed to contribute troops to UNOMUR.
2. We propose that the area of their operations be clearly defined and further propose that their operations be limited by the Rwanda border, the road from Kyanika, Kisoro, Kabale, Ntungamo and Mirama hills.
3. We note that there will be need for proper liaison between the NRA and UNOMUR, in order to avoid the likelihood of any clashes between them in the course of their operations within the defined area in which UNOMUR will be operating. We request the UNOMUR to propose the necessary liaison and mode of communication which will be discussed and accepted.
4. We noted the provision allowing either party to terminate the agreement by giving the other party notice of the desired intention to do so. We propose that for such a purpose one month would be appropriate.
5. The mission of UNOMUR forces will include monitoring any movement of "any other materials that could be of military use." Materials that could be of military use need to be clearly defined.
6. The immunity of locally recruited staff needs to be clearly explained, as ordinarily local staff of diplomatic missions do not enjoy such privileges.

7. It was noted among the proposals that Uganda accords the UNOMUR, at no cost to the UN, all such land and premises as may be necessary for accommodation and fulfilment of its functions. We propose that the government of Uganda avails such land and premises where available at no extra costs to itself. Other necessary costs for such land and premises are to be met by the UN.

8. For purposes of clarity, it should be stated in the agreement that the government of Uganda shall be responsible for the safety of UNOMUR and its personnel only as long as they are within the borders of the territory of Uganda. The government of Uganda shall also be required to provide the UNOMUR information on location of mine fields only where such information is available to it.

9. We note that members of the UNOMUR personnel should be accorded unrestricted entry and exit while coming in and going out of the country and that the visa requirement should be waived. Our view is that the visa requirement should be maintained and a system be worked out such that the government of Uganda will be informed well in advance of the names and passport numbers of the UNOMUR personnel coming, and expected time of arrival.

10. It was noted that a UN mission report on the Rwanda conflict was quoted in the proposals for the agreement. We propose that we be availed the said report for us to study before its inclusion in the agreement.