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1. Please find attached a self-explanatory letter dated 4 April from the Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the United Nations.

Best regards.

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Mr. Secretary General,

I have the honor to enclose a Government statement on the current situation in Burundi issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation on 31 March 1995.

I would kindly request your assistance in circulating the statement as a document of the United Nations.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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**GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON THE CURRENT
SITUATION IN BURUNDI**

The latest reports on Burundi, particularly the capital of Bujumbura, are highly disturbing. The reports indicate a marked deterioration in the country's security with violence and politically motivated killings increasingly becoming the order of the day.

As a neighbour, Tanzania is deeply concerned about these tragic developments which could easily plunge Burundi into another bloodbath too ghastly to contemplate.

Tanzania, therefore, condemns in the strongest terms possible the continued ethnic killings of innocent people being perpetrated by armed extremists. The use of force, under whatever pretext, to suppress the democratic yearnings of the people of that country is totally unacceptable and cannot be tolerated.

In this regard, Tanzania strongly urges the extremists both within the Burundi Army and the civil society to immediately stop the killings and instead adhere to the Convention of Government of 10 September, 1994 which constitutes a firm framework for National Reconciliation.

Similarly, Tanzania calls on the international community to urgently take all appropriate measures to create the necessary conditions within that country for the effective and proper functioning of the Burundi government to allow it to restore peace and democracy. It also appeals to the Rwanda government to receive Rwandese refugees fleeing Burundi.

Due to the deterioration of the situation, over the past few weeks alone, more than 40,000 Burundi refugees have crossed the border into Tanzania. In addition over 100,000 Rwandese refugees who were in camps in Northern Burundi are fleeing towards Tanzania contrary to established international customary practice whereby refugees are not readily allowed to seek re migration to a country other than the first country of asylum..

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This has seriously increased the burden of caring for the big number of refugees currently in the country now numbering over 700,000, a situation which is gradually becoming unbearable especially bearing in mind the gradual depletion of UNHCR food stocks, destruction of environment, the deterioration of security situation between the refugee camps and the villagers in North-Western Tanzania and the overall costs of the whole refugee operations. In this context Tanzania appreciates the assistance so far provided by the donor countries, NGOs and the UN system.

In view of the gravity of the situation, Tanzania has decided to take appropriate security measures by closing its border with Burundi to deal with the influx of refugees into the country. The Tanzania Government has advised the Governments of Rwanda and Burundi and the relevant United Nations Agency about this action which has been taken to deal with the critical situation created by the large number of refugees living in huge camps in Ngara and Karagwe districts.

The government hopes that normal cross border activities will continue as usual.

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