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MINUTES OF MILOBS OPS CONFERENCE HELD AT SECTOR 5 HQ (GISENYI) ON 8TH OCTOBER 1994

PRESENT :	COL	A	MOEEN	-	DCMO/CHAIRMAN
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GENERAL

ACTION BY

1. The Conference began at 1010hrs with a welcome address by the Sector Commander Lt Col Austdal. He expressed his gratitude to the participants and handed over to the Chairman, Col Moeen.

2. The Chairman thanked the Sect Comd and called on the participant to bring out all issues affecting MILOB Operations in their various sectors for discussion and coordination. He then invited the Senior Operations

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Officer (SOO) to read the main points and decisions in the Minutes of the Previous Conference.	
ITEM 1 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE	
3. UNOMUR Vehs. SLOGO was to take delivery of 10 UNOMUR Vehs and distribute as directed by the DCMO. The SLOGO said he had already effected the distribution of the vehicles to the sectors. The DCMO said that the vehs were not in good condition so they should be handled with care. He assured Sect Comds that more vehs were expected to arrive soon and when they arrived, he would ensure that they were equitably distributed.	SLOGO SLOGO DCMO
4. Repeaters. On the issue of Repeaters for Sect 1 and Sect 2, the DCMO said that the Repeater for Sect 2 had already been installed at Mount Jari operating on channel 15. He tasked the Comd Sect 2 to switch to the channel, try the communication and report.	COMD SECT 2
5. Policy on CTO/Leave. SMPO was called upon to clarify the policy on CTO/Leave. He said that there has not been much change in the policy except that CTO may no more be accumulated. He added that MILOBs are entitled to 6 days CTO for every 30 days continuous duty. This, he said, would be forfeited if not utilized. The SMPO continued that if the CTO was not spent in the AO which now comprised Rwanda and Uganda only, the individual MILOB concerned would lose 50% of his MSA for the number of days CTO spent. He said that this was the reason why some MILOBs had to lose their MSA. In his response, the DCMO said that this issue had been cleared with Finance Branch. The DCMO said that the FC had	FC

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written to UNNY on the issue and if UNNY responded favourably, MILOBs would enjoy the usual 12 accumulated CTQ and Finance Branch would, hopefully make the necessary adjustment to enable those lost MSA to get their money back.	FINANCE BRANCH

6. Computer for Sect 4A. Sect 4A Comd informed the DCMO that he had taken delivery of one Computer set for for the Sector.

7. Telephone Facility for MILOBs. The DCMO said that this issue was taken up and the phone was installed but later disconnected. He assured participants that this would be resolved soon. He informed all present that phone facilities were in KIGALI and MILOBs should make use of them until the one at FHQ was reconnected.

8. Souvenirs for MILOBs. The DCMO said that he tasked Sect Hqs to come out with designs from which one could selected to make a plaque as souvenir for MILOBs at the end of their tour of duty. He said so far only Kigali Sector responded by submitting a design. He called on all Sect Comd to give this a push to enable the plaque to be made before mass repatriation of MILOBs started. — SECT COMDS

9. After the deliberations and corrections, the minutes of the previous conference was accepted.

ITEM 2 - SECTOR BRIEFS

9. Sector 5 Brief. The Sect Comd gave a detailed brief on his Sector. He said that his Sector was appro-

ximately 2,000sq km and that the recent adjustment of Sector boundaries affected Sects 3 and 4B. He gave the total MILOB strength in the sector as 40. He said that he had 9 teams including one humanitarian team with 9 vehs out of which only 4 were on the ground. He continued as follows:

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a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation in the sector was relatively calm.

b. Operations. The Sect Comd said that both foot and mobile patrols were conducted as far as into the volcano area. He said 4 trucks were used to convey displaced pers from GISENYI to RUHENGERI and KIGALI. According to the Sect Comd, 2,000 pers entered and settled in the area. He said some of them went back to fetch family members. He continued that a massacre site was discovered where it was reported that about 10 Priests and 15 students were killed. 33,000 returnees from Zaire entered Rwanda and about 150 pers enter by boat daily.

c. GOMA Sit. The Sect Comd commented on the situation at GOMA and said that no improvement was noticed. He said that the militia still controlled the Camps and Zairian troops also posed much problem.

d. Relationship with RPA and NGOs. The Sect Comd said this was good and MILOBs had been working closely with the NGOs.

e. Mine-awareness Programme. The Sect Comd informed participants of the Mine-awareness exercise embarked upon by the Sector Headquarters.

He concurrently distributed samples of the leaflet being used to educate the locals about mines and other explosive ordnance devices scattered all over the region. (See Leaflet attached) He added that the Sect Hq was opened to all NGOs and locals.	ACTION BY
f. Border Crossing Points. The sect Comd said that Crossing Point 1 remained closed to UNAMIR. However, Crossing Point 2 was opened and MILOBs crossed with the proper document and in uniform. The DCMO said that the Rwandese Govt has given UNAMIR free passage across the borders so the problem lies with local authorities. He asked the Sect Comd to discuss the issue with the local/ authorities/RPA Comd.	SECT COMD
g. Problems. The Sect Comd said that the problems in the Sector including difficulties with communication, the sub-sector system, telephone facility for MILOBs, rotation of MILOBs and payment of MSA needed to be addressed. The DCMO reacted by saying the issues raised have already been tackled and would be followed up immediately.	

10. SECTOR 1

a. General. The Sect Comd said that the Sector has been calm during the period and GATUNA border was opened to all traffic. He added that this border post was used mainly by NGO relief convoys while the KAGITUMBA border was used by returnees.

b. RPA. There has been no change in deployment and they related well with MILOBs within the period. GABIRO area was used as recruits training centre. The Sect Comd said continued that NGOs reported that 3 local staff were detained and RPA did not permit MILOBs to investigate. He said UXO located at TUMBA area has been the main problem affecting civilians in the area. He said report has already been made to MILOB GP HQ and EOD team also informed. He mentioned that RPA insisted on having the authority from their High Comd before allowing MILOBs deployment in the NYAGATARE area. He said that since the NYAGATARE deployment issue was raised, RPA troops in the area had become unfriendly to MILOBs. He added that RPA was not prepared to offer accommodation to MILOBs. As such MILOBs deployed in the area would have to live in tents. | ACTION BY

c. Hum affairs. The Sect Comd said that schools in the area were opened but there has been general lack of books, furniture and other materials. He said Hospitals were also in dire need of drugs and other necessities.

11. DCMO's Reaction. The DCMO said that monitoring of UNOMUR post at KAGITUMBA (MIRAMA HILLS) was necessary. He tasked the Sect Comd to find out the possibility of MILOBs occupying that area. He said until this post was occupied, MILOBs should patrol the area on daily basis. He continued that the deployment at NYAGATARE would be pursued. S Plans O said that the RPA High Comd had given the go-ahead for MILOBs to deploy there. The SOO added that the RPA LO, would have to write a later to RPA LO | SECT COMD

be carried to the RPA local comd at NYAGATARE. He urged the Sect Comd to liaise with the RPA local comd on the deployment issue. The DCMO tasked S Plans Offr to accompany the Sect Comd to NYAGATARE to work out the deployment as soon as possible.

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SECT COMD
S PLANS O

12. SECT 2

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd gave the bdrys of the Sector and said that 6 MILOBs were deployed at BUGESERA and the rests were at KIBUNGO the Sect Hq. He said the MILOBs at BUGESERA were co-located with Ghanbatt Platoon. He said that at RELIMA, the MILOBs sent there were staying without any facilities, however, permanent deployment there was feasible but comms remained a major problem.

b. Accommodation. On accommodation, the Sect Comd said he was making contacts with local leaders and hopefully, the problem would be solved. He added that the KIBUNGO/BUGESERA area generally lacked electricity and potable water.

13. DCMO's Response. The DCMO responded that the deployment at BUGESERA was not feasible due to security reasons. MILOBs should rather deploy at RELIMA. On comms, he said the repeater had already been installed to facilitate operation on Channel 15. He tasked the Sect Comd to operate on this Channel and report. To alleviate the problem of electricity, the DCMO tasked the SLOGO to put a request for generators for Sector 2. He assured the Sect Comd that the MILOBs would be deployed when the logistics requirement were provided.

SECT COMD

14. SECT 3

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was reported calm but the activities of the INTERAHAMWE were said to have resulted in a few killings. The Sect Comd said the security situation in the Sector was deteriorating. He said MILOBs relationship with NGOs was good and added that locals hinted MILOBs that the RPA was angry with UNAMIR because of UNHCR reports that RPA were killing returnees. He mentioned that militia activities were alleged to be on the increase in the MASANGO area.

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b. RPA. The Sect Comd said that RPA broke into MILOBs living accommodation at 0130 AM and searched the house supposedly looking for the house boy. He said MILOBs protested but MILOBs security was threatened. He expressed the need for MILOBs to be protected by formed troops. He also mentioned that one UN Flag and a radio antenna had been stolen.

c. Locals. The Sect Comd said that human activities were returning to the area and farming was also picking up. He said schools were opened but materials were lacking. He added that about 2,000 locals crossed into Burundi during the period. He said various Human Rights Teams came to the area and were escorted round.

d. NGOs. On NGOs, the Sect Comd said periodic meeting has been taking place and co-ordination and cooperation with the NGOs were smooth.

15. DCMO,s Response. The DCMO tasked the Sect Comd investigate the reported killings by the militia at KIZI and NTIZO and the fresh mass graves discovered recently and submit a detailed report. He hinted that RPA killings were becoming frequent and general security was threatened. He advised MILOBs to take care of themselves, their belongings and UN property. He cautioned that vehicles should not be left unattended. On evacuation of displaced persons, he said MILOBs should talk to the Formed troops to use their vehicles for the evacuation.

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MILOBS

16. SECT 4A

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was calm but several reports of molestation of returnees were received. The Sect Comd said that there were problems with the RPA especially in the Southern parts of the Sector where most of the reported incidents occurred.

b. RPA. The Sector Comd gave the RPA current deployment as follows:

(1)	KITABI	-	1 Coy.
(2)	NSHILI	-	1 Coy.
(3)	REMERA (South)	-	1 Coy.
(4)	GIKONGORO	-	1 Coy.
(5)	KADUHA	-	1 Coy.
(6)	REMERA	-	1 Coy.

The Sect Comd said that RPA was suspected to have reinforced its positions in the southern parts of the Sector. He said RPA misconduct resulted in a grenade throwing incident that killed two civilians.

c. Political. The Sector Comd said that the

Prefect was the only administrator of the Prefecture and this limited political activities in the area. ACTION BY

d. MILOBs ACTIVITIES. The Sect Comd said that MILOBs continued to execute Op HOMEWARD missions and co-ordination of movement of people out of the Sector to other areas. He added that monitoring of Displaced Persons Camps, investigation of Human Rights violations and cooperating with Ghanbatt in following up cases. He said orphans would be moved to the SOS village on 14 Oct 94.

c. Civilian Affairs. The Sect Comd said that there were about 300,000 displaced persons in the Sector but lack of info flow, distorted info and lack of government interest was making some of them reluctant to return to thier homes.

d. Logistics

(1) Vehs. The Sect Comd said 5 of the Sector vehs were not serviceable due to lack of spare parts. He requested for a co-ordinated maintenance plan to avoid delay of vehs at the workshop. He said that lack of vehs has delayed the deployment of MILOBs at KADUHA.

(2) Accn. The Sect Comd mentioned that the accommodation problem may be solved when MILOBs get the house the Prefect had agreed to rent out to them.

(3) Water. Lack of fuel to run the water pumping plant may lead to serious water shor-

tage in the KIBUNGO Prefecture soon. The Sect Comd said this problem should be addressed. | ACTION BY

e. Medical. The Sector Comd talked about the difficulties and dangers involved in evacuating serious MILOBs sick cases to KIGALI by road and requested that assistance by way of air medevac be given MILOBs on request.

f. Leave/CTO. The Sect Comd said that the new policy on Leave/CTO has adversely affected the morale of MILOBs. He asked for action to be initiated for MILOBs who lost MSA due to the new policy to get their money back.

17. DCMO' Response. The DCMO said that MILOBs should educate parents in the remote areas to send their children to school. On inter-sector bdrys, the DCMO said this has been resolved. He tasked the SOO to give copies to the Sect Comds. He said that the orders for Ghanbatt redeployment had already been issued. He assured the Sect Comd that the problems were noted and most of them had already been pushed forward and receiving attention. On extension of tour of duty, he said that until the confirmation was received, the MILOBs concerned should prepare to be repatriate on schedule.

18. SECT 4B

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said no major incident occurred during the period. The Sector was calm, however, RPA searches continued. He added that there was info that ex-RGF troops were regrouping in Zaire for a possible attack across Lake KIVU.

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b. RPA. The Sect Comd said RPA deployment in the Sector has not changed during the period. He said there was one coy with Bn HQ at KIBUYE and one coy each at GISHITA, MWENDO, RWAMATAMU and MABANZA areas.

c. MILOBs Activities. The Sect Comd said that MILOB patrols discovered more mass graves in the sector. He mentioned that 2 mass graves were discovered at RWAMATAMU (1556), 1 at VIRO (1658), 4 at MABUGA (2364), total of 4 at KIBUYE, (284717) (266723), (273718) and a total of 5 at GITESI (280716), (286808), (278713) (278710). He said a total of about 20,000 bodies were suspected to be buried in these graves.

d. Problems. The Sect Comd mentioned that the main problems encountered during the period include accommodation and lack of comms eqpt. He said the sector needed 8 more Walkie Talkies and additional vehicles He mentioned that the Prefect promised to help solve the accommodation problem. On the problem of MSA, he suggested that due to distance and the nature of the roads in Sect 4B, Hel should be arranged to fly finance personnel to distant areas to pay MILOBs.

19. DCMO's Response. The DCMO said that MILOBs should not concentrate at the HQ.He advised that duty officers could be taken from the teams and a roster made for the duty to rotate among the teams. In his remarks, the CHAO informed the Sect Comd that ADRA and UNHCR would be lifting food aid to Sect 4B in due course course and called for maximum co-operation and assistance from sector MILOBs.

20. SECT 4C — ACTION BY

a. Gen Sit. The Acting Sect Comd said that the Sect was generally calm. He said the militias were still operating from the Zairian side across the border into Rwanda. He added that the Zairian tps were also harassing the returnees.

b. RPA. The A/Sect Comd said that the RPA were deployed all over the Sector with their Battalion Headquarters at KAMEMBE. He said that the activities of the RPA troops were causing the returnees to go back to Zaire. He added that the acts of banditry being committed by RPA tps day and night made the locals feel unsafe to remain in their various communes.

c. Logistics. The Sect Comd said that there has not been much problem with logistics in the Sector and that those that existed were being handled. He said that the Sect HQ had a Computer but no MILOB in the Sector knew anything about handling computers.

21. SECT 6

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said that the Sector was calm, however the RPA had been misconducting themselves against MILOBs and civilians. He said that there had been no restrictions on movement of returnees across the borders into Rwanda.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd talked about RPA and their activities in the Sector. He said one batt-

lion was at GIKORO (369865), one coy at MUHAZI (4690), one platoon at RELIMA (6125), one platoon at GAHORA (2756) and the BUGESERA area up to the Burundi border area was controlled by the unit deployed at GASHORA.

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c. Communication. The Sect Comd said it was impossible to constantly communicate with teams on the move. He said that there was the need for additional repeaters to be installed at vantage points in the country to enhance communication.

d. Logistics. The Sect Comd said most of the Sector's logistics problems had been solved. He said the Sector had one computer.

ITEM 3 - STAFF BRIEFS

22. S O O

a. MILOB Organization. The SOO said that if there was any problem in the Sectors as a result of the new organization, adjustment could be made.

b. Admin Issues. On detailed explanation of certain admin issues at the conference, the SOO said UNAMIR civilian staff could be co-opted into the conference to explain issues better.

c. Information. The SOO said FHQ required detailed info on the activities of the Prefects/Civ administrators in the prefectures to help in planning. He said MILOBs should be prepared to remain at their locations all over the country to collect information.

MILOBS

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d. SITREPs. The SOO said that Sector SITREPs should include details of items NGOs distributed, where, the number of persons served etc. He said dates and grid references should be stated.	ALL SECTORS
e. Communication. The SOO said that interference in radio comms in the AO could not be completely avoided but it could be reduced by observing strict radio discipline.	ALL MILOBS
f. Details on refugees. The SOO tasked all Sectors to submit details on refugees/displaced persons by 12 Oct 94.	ALL SECTORS
23. SLOGO	
a. Gen. The SLOGO said that there has been an improvement in material supplies from FHQ.	
b. Vehs. He said 5 vehs were collected and distributed. He added that 2 more vehs were expected from FHQ to be issued to out to the Sectors	
c. Stationery. He said Sectors had already been issued with their stationery requirement. He advised that MILOBs who go direct to FHQ to collect stationery should inform MILOBs Log Branch for record of items collected to be kept.	ALL MILOBS
d. Maint of Vehs. The SLOGO advised Sect HQs to info MILOBs Log Branch of vehs that were due for servicing in advance so that the vehs could be booked for servicing before the vehs were sent to the workshop to avoid unnecessary delays.	ALL SECTORS

	ACTION BY
e. Comms Eqpt. The SOO said some MILOBs were in possession of more than one Walkie Talkie which were not on charge to the Sectors. He advised that these items should be returned for redistribution.	MILOBS
23. SMPO a. General. The SMPO said the main problem of admin of MILOBs was inability to follow-up issues. He urged Sect Comds to send reminders on admin/pers issues which were unduly delaying.	
b. MSA. On MSA, he explained the problem and requested Sect Comds to submit consolidated list of all MILOBs who lost MSA due to Leave/CTO in a week's time. He said the details should include the amount and the number of days spent on Leave/CTO.	SECT COMDS
c. Leave/CTO. The SMPO briefly explained the new policy on Leave/CTO and said that CTO can not be accumulated. He said Leave must be earned and could not be taken in advance. He added that Leave/CTO could be taken in the last month of tour of duty but this should not exceed 12 days.	
d. CMO's Farewell Party. The SMPO said that a total of $2,777.00 was realized from MILOBs contributions. He said 89 MILOBs did not contribute. He gave a brief account of how the money was spent and said that out of the total amount, $2,689.15 was spent leaving a balance of $87.85. He said the HQ had decided to hold onto the balance for future	

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use. He requested Sect Comds to collect the money from the MILOBs who did not contribute and forward it to the HQ as soon as possible.	SECT COMDS
e. Repatriation. The SMPO said that FHQ needed details of repatriation of MILOBs in advance. He said the details should include days of repatriation and extension of tour of duty should be entered in the remarks column.	SECT COMDS
f. Miscellaneous. The SMPO said that 100kgs accompanied baggage was no more allowed by UN. This, he said would now be freighted unaccompanied He added that proposals had been submitted for MILOBs to choose from the options of 50kgs accompanied or 100kgs unaccompanied.	ALL MILOBS
On mails, he said that until a way of despatching mails was found, the problem would remain. He advised MILOBs from the Sectors to visit the HQ anytime they were in KIGALI for their mails.	SECT MILOBS
On claims for lost items, he advised claimants to include their home addresses when filling the forms.	CLAIMANTS
He concluded by saying that MILOBs postal address remained un changed. (c/o UNEP GIGIRI, Box 30552, NAIROBI)	MILOBS
24. CIVPOL. The CIVPOL representative said that they were deployed in Sectors 6, 3, 4A, 4B and 4C. He said all their vehicles were at the workshop for maintenance He pointed out that the Commission had gone to UN HQ NY for consultation and that CIVPOL activities would resume fully when he returned.	CIVPOL

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25. CHAO. The CHAO said documents on displaced persons were being distributed throughout the country and requested Sectors to submit details on displaced persons in the various Sectors. He said that the Minister for Rehabilitation and Reintegration complained that his outfit had not been involved in the movement of the displaced persons. He said the Ministry needed to be involved and reps would be positioned at all the pick-up points to make the movement easier.	SECTORS
26. DCMO	
a. Political. The DCMO said that the DFC visited Zaire and Tanzania for discussions with the authorities in the region to try the implementation of the 1993 ARUSHA ACCORD. He said the possibility of establishing a peace-keeping mission in Zaire to repatriate Rwandese refugees from Zaire was also being looked at.	
b. RGF. The DCMO said that unconfirmed reports indicated that the ex-RGF forces had moved out of GOMA area to an unknown destination in Zaire, Rwanda or elsewhere.	
c. Indian troops. He said that Indian tps' arrival had been delayed by the plague epidemic that occurred in India recently.	
d. Air Recce. The DCMO said arrangement had been made for periodic air recce and border patrols in the Sectors by hel. He urged Sect Comds to co-operate by being in readiness to undertake the mission when called upon.	SECT COMDS

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e. Confidential Reports. The DCMO said Sect Comds should write interim confidential reports for MILOBs every 3 months so that at the end of tour of duty these could be compiled as the final confidential report for each MILOB. He tasked the SMPO to make a policy on confidential reports for SMPO Sect Comds to follow. — SECT COMDS SMPO

f. Accommodation. The DCMO said that requests for accommodation for Sectors/sub-sectors would be taken care of by the CAO. He called on Sect Comds to assist the Civilian Administration to get accommodation for MILOBs. — SECT COMDS

CONCLUSION

27. In conclusion, the DCMO urged all Sect Comd to put in their maximum to keep the operation going even if th required logistics backing was lacking.

28. He expressed his gratitude, on behalf of Sect Comds, to the Comd Sect 5 for the effort put in to host the conference.

29. The conference ended at 1450hrs.

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MINUTES OF MILOBS COMMAND AND STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT SECTOR 2 HEADQUARTERS - KIGALI ON SAT 24 SEPTEMBER 1994.

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	LT COL	DOUNKOV	SMPO
	LT COL	NYAAKU	SLOGO
	LT COL	MASANGANISE	S PLAN & TRG O
	LT COL	PURTSCHER	COMD SEC 1
	LT COL	MUSTAFIZ	COMD SEC 2
	LT COL	GBORGLAH	COMD SEC 3
	LT COL	QUIST	COMD EC 4B
	LT COL	GORG	D/SEC COMD 3
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	SQN LDR	NAIM	SECRETARY

INTRODUCTION

ACTION

1. The sec comd welcomed the participants to the confe -rence at 0900 hrs. He was also happy to be the host of the meeting. In the opening address the chairman thanked the sec comd for hosting the conference.He than handed over the floor to SOO for reviewing the minutes of the last conference.

ITEM NO 1 REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

2. SOO went through the decisions and suggestions of the last minutes.

a. SOO informed that none of the vehicles of UNOMUR had been handed over to MILOBS. SLOGO said that

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total 5 vehicles had been brought from Kabale and handed over to CTO.

Decision: The chairman advised SLOGO to get all the vehicles from CTO and distribute them to the sectors as per the requirement. He also added that if SLOGO failed to recover the vehicles the issue should be referred to him. — SLOGO

b. SOO spoke about the shortage of UN flags. SLOGO informed the members that some flags were received and already distributed to the sectors. He was awaiting for more flags.

Decision: The chairman advised SLOGO to pursue the case immediately. — SLOGO

c. SOO said that at least three repeaters along with base stations were urgently required for sectors.

Decision: The chairman asked SLOGO to take up the case with CCO urgently. — SLOGO

d. SOO informed the house that the free movement of MILOBS in the different sectors was solved to a great extent after a meeting between DCMO and RPA Brig comd.

e. It was discussed that a letter on the deployment of MILOBS to Nyagatare and Kibungo had already sent to RPA authority by the Plans/Trg cell.

f. It was discussed and agreed that the posting and appointments of MILOBS within the sectors be reviewed by S PLAN/TRG O. — S PLAN TRG O

ITEM 2 - SECT COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

3. a. Sector - 4A The acting sec comd stated that the general security situation remained calm throu -ghout out the week. He said that some camps and villages were victim of banditry actions. He said that more than one thousand RPA had been deployed at Kitabi, Nshili, Remera and Gikongoro and carried out cordon and search ops in the town areas to find out unauthorized weapons ammo or other military items that might be used by criminals. He also said

that the accessibility to RPA commander at Gikongoro was difficult. The sec comd said that MILOBS of his sector were continuing with routine patrols on regular basis, monitoring and assisting with the evacuation of the displaced people and liaison with NGOs and local administration on humanitarian matters. He also added that with the availability of log support the sec was going to deploy two teams permanently at Kaduha and Runyombi. The sec comd informed the house that there were 28 camps with 424,000 peoples in his sector. He said that on an average 500 persons were evacuated everyday. The sec comd requested to provide more log support to carry out the assigned task more efficiently and promptly.

b. Sector - 4B The sec comd informed the members that the gen security situation remained calm during the week, however,locals were still apprehensive about the deployment of RPA in the sector. He said that RPA was continuing with their deployment along the shore of the lake to counter any infiltration into the area through the lake. RPA also conducted cordon and search ops at Kibuye and Mabanza to find out unauthorized weapons and ammo. The sec comd stated that the people of Kibuye were having mixed feelings about the RPA presence because of their behavior. He said that MILOBS of his sec continuing with patrols, escort duties, monitoring and assisting different agencies on humanitarian matters. About the displaced people, sec comd said that people had started returning to their homes. Presently there were 13,900 refugees available in different camps. He said that different NGOs were helping returnees by providing food and other necessary items and also for their evacuation.

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INTRODUCTION

ACTION

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ITEM NO 1 REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

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Decision: The chairman advised SLOGO to pursue the case immediately. SLOGO

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ITEM 2 - SECT COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

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d. TUNBAI. Bn HQ & HQ Coy 350. Care MILK position.

e. VOLKANO, ZOO, BOATMAN: 100-150 a day.

f. Mine Awareness Programme. School. Centre Info

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a. Border to Burundi
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	LT COL	EC	QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4B
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	SQN LDR		ADELAKUN	-	A/COMD SECT 4C
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ITEM 11 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE

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For your attention.
Pse pass any points you have to FC. A 23/9 MA

DCMO
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ITEM 11 - SECT COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

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b. On the humanitarian front, he said that there were 26 main camps and 6-7 smaller ones in the Sector with about 420,000 persons. He said that the Sector finds it very difficult to coordinate activities with the NGOs due to the problem of transport.

c. The A/Sect Comd requested for additional transport to facilitate their operations, a photocopier, UN flags, the servicing of the computer and the payment of the full MSA for the newly arrived MILOBs. The DCMO reacted that 20 UNOMUR vehicles will soon arrive for distribution at BYUMBA SLOGO and promised that the sector will not be left out. He directed that all the UN flags being held in stock be distributed immediately.

4. Sector 4B

a. General Sit. The general situation was calm but the population was still apprehensive of increased RPA unannounced presence in the area.

b. Relationship with FRAFBATT. This has improved. The FC and DCMO visited the Sector during the week.

c. Patrols. Patrols were conducted up to MABANZA (North-west of KIBUYE) and along the road KIBUYE-KIRAMBA-CYANGUGU and discovered new RPA Check Points within the last three days. FRAFBATT also reported a coy strength of RPA at MYUDO.

e. A 10yr old boy was beaten to death on Wed 14 Sep 94 at the outskirts of KIBUYE. In another incident a man was arrested for possessing RGF uniform. Investigations in progress.

f. CIVPOL. CIVPOL training in the Sector may not materialize due to lack of qualified pers who can speak English and French.

g. Comms. Comms in the Sector has improved with the installation of a base station. He requested for 4 more handy-talkies for the teams.

h. Humanitarian Affairs. The Sect Comd said that 9 more camps have been identified with approximately 82,000 displaced pers. He said that the movement of displaced pers to the west is virtually ceasing. He added that a meeting is held once a week with the Contact Committee. A total of 5 NGOs are operating in the area. He said that most displaced pers are desirous to go home but the lack of transport is holding them up.

5. Sector 4C

a. General Sit. The A/Sect Comd said that the situation in the Sector was generally calm.

b. Deployment of MILOBs. On MILOBs deployed at BUTARE, he said that the team is enjoying very good working relations with the local armed police.

He said that the team which monitors the Burundi -Rwanda/Zaire-Rwanda border has discovered the presence of militias who were preventing the displaced pers from returning.

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d. Political. On the political front, he said that the Prefect has established contact with the Interim Prefectorial Commettee which was set up by the French with very good results. He said that the RPA which has increased its strength in the area are holding rallies frequently at BUGARAMA to build confidence in the people.

e. Admin. The Sect Comd requested for additional vehicles to facilitate his operations and a base station at BUGARAMA to improve on communication in the Sector. SOO SLOGO

6. Sector 5

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation in the sector was calm and the RPA continued their routine activities.

b. Operations. The Sect Comd said that routine foot and mobile patrols were conducted. The Tunisian Recce Team located RPA company/platoon within the area. He said UNAMIR has launched it's ferry boat from GISENYI to KIBUYE. The ferry moves on Tuesdays.

He said that the Sector maintained liaison with the French. On mines, the Sect Comd mentioned that one child died everyday in the BUTARO area. He said that the sector was not yet tasked to take over the GISORO border crossing from UNOMUR and added that the Zairean authorities no longer insisted on visas before MILOBs crossed into GOMA. He said due to comms problems the move to RUHENGERI will be delayed. He therefore, requested for installation of a repeater and 2 patrol boats to patrol the lake. The DCMO assured that all efforts will be made to meet his request.

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Are these figures real? This is an average fig.

7. Sector 3

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation was generally calm and devoid of political activities during the period. The RPA deployment continued from this sector to sector 4 and they conducted cordon and search operation at the KABGAYI Mission area during the period. The aim for the operation was not disclosed. He said about a Bn str of RPA moved from BUTARE to GIKONGORO.

b. Operations. The Sect Comd said that MILOBs and Malawian Coy conducted routine ptls. He said some displaced pers were moved from Sect 3 to 4 to find their families. He pointed out that comms in the sector improved but radios needed some technical inspection. On relationship with RPA, the Sect Comd said that restrictions were placed on MILOBs movement until authority was sought from their comds. He mentioned the incidents at KIBEHO and NYAKIZU on 13 Sep 94 and the experience of the Malawian Coy who were stopped for security reasons. He requested that the issue of restriction on movement be taken up. In his remarks, the DCMO expressed surprise at the RPA's acts and said that instructions from the Govt on this issue will be sent to the RPA Bde Comds. SOO

for what? Why do they need the inspection? Creating disturbance

c. Humanitarian Sit. On the humanitarian situation, the Sect Comd said that, UNHCR reported on the 13 Sep 94 on the presence of about 250,000 Rwanda refugees in Northern Burundi willing to return but apprehensive of likely RPA retaliation. He said efforts were however, being made to move them in soon. He said 1,600 pers returned from Burundi and that the situation has improved. He praised ICRC for doing a good job in the GITARAMA area. He said food was supplied to the 1,300 displaced pers at KABGAYI who were desirous to leave but have no homes. This issue he said, came out during the FC's visit to the camps. The Sect Comd said that the NGO (CONCERN) came out during the week that they were solely responsible for the distribution of seed and farming implements and not food. Finally, he said that 45 pers were tpt from WAKIRA area to GITARAMA and KIGALI.

Where were they before? Are they the 1960 gp? Houses destroy

d. Sector 2

(1) General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the situation was generally calm and the Govt was getting hold of the situation. He said the RPA continued their secret deployment during the week. Effort to get the RPA Comd at KIBUNGO to meet the CMO failed. He said this would be pursued.

Why secret?

I went there only one day and I was able to meet the Bde Comd.

(2) Operations. He said Sector MILOBs executed 57 missions during the period and requested that Ops Branch should scrutinize requests for escorts before passing them on. He said he intended to deploy teams at BUGESERA and KIBUNGO but certain logistics issues including comms, transport and generator must be tackled first. SOO SLOGO

(3) Humanitarian. He said that MILOBs monitored Tanzania and Burundi crossing points for 72hrs and observed that there was no large scale movement of returnees/refugees in the area. He said that NGOs activities are only limited to KIGALI and very inactive at the outskirts.

Where were the 57 missions sent to? PU detail of missions SOO

The Sector Comd singly does not have the divine to leave Kigali. Either UNMOS is some other sectors have nothing better.

(4) Admin and Log. On admin and log he reiterated the need for good quality tpt, quick

release of vehicles from the garage and the improvement of comms in the eastern part of the Sector. In addition, the Sect Comd requested for tents and MRE for monitoring teams to the borders, postal and telephone contact with families at home, mission souvenirs and official declaration of Kenya as part of the mission area so that MILOBs who spend CTO/Leave in NAIROBI do not lose part of their MSA. The DCMO said that it is a difficult problem but efforts would be made again to get it done. On the issue of tents and MRE, the DCMO said that UNAMIR will soon receive worn out tents from UNOMUR for ditribution to the Sector HQs and promised some reserved MRE will be issued to the Sect HQs for monitoring teams soon. DCMO

9. Sector 1

a. General Sit. The Sect Comd said that the Sector remained calm and the RPA were training new recruits in two camps with approximately 50 recruits in each camp. He said that there was no RPA presence at TUMBA, MOYEMEBI and KINIHIRA after their secret withdrawal from the area. He that according to NGOs there were suspected minefields at RUHENGE and KIYAME. ?

Wrong English

How many missions

b. Own Activities. He said that patrols and escort missions were executed with the newly arrived MILOBs participating. He said that comms among the patrols continued to be difficult.

c. Humanitarian Sit. The Sect Comd said that there were 19 NGOs in the area and food distribution to the displaced camps at KIVUYE and RUGARAMA was good. He added that there was urgent need for med staff and drugs for the big hospital at NGARAMA. He said that the ICRC was trying to re-activate the water system in NYAGATARE. On the activities of the Nigerian Contingent, he said that the Medical Officer was organizing a programme to provide consultancy services to the locals. The humanitarian re said that no NGO is taking care of the orphanage at RUTARE which has 400 children and complained about an Asian NGO which makes empty promises to the population in the Sector. The CHAO requested for the name of the NGO for a follow-up in KIGALI. ?

d. Admin and Log. The Sect Comd requested for additional vehicles and a photo-copier machine.

10. a. SMPO. The SMPO said he was not happy about the inability of Sect Comds to submit their daily pers returns. He said that since Sect Comds were given the authority to grant CTO/Leave, his outfit has been neglected totally and requested that MILOB HQ is informed about all CTO/Leave granted by Sect Comds. On postings, he said that a system of pers record was being implemented to avoid the concentration of certain nationals in one sector and added that the newly arrived MILOBs were sent to GITARAMA because they were yet to be issued with UN ID Cards. He said that MILOBs request for advance MSA takes time before all requests reach NAIROBI for action. The SMPO requested all Sect Comds to write the confidential reports of all MILOBs under comd and advised that MILOBs were interviewed before reports were written on them. On the distribution of mails, the Comd of Sect 4B suggested the use of hel to drop official mails at least once a week at distant Sectors. The CHAO said that the Force Signals Officer was exploring the possibilities of running a regular courier service within the AO. SECT COMDS

① Who gave this authority?
② Is the MILOB HQ now following the CHAO's regulations concerning CTOs.
3 - Yes.

b. Plans and Trg. The OIC Plans and Trg said the outfit is now operational and requested all comds to respond to the instructions that will be released soon. He said that the HQ was not satisfied with the distribution of appointments in the Sectors and requested for the returns from the comds for an eventual re-organization. The Comd of Sect 4B requested the Plans outfit to come out with a contingency plan to meet any eventuality.

c. SLOGO. The SLOGO was happy about the returns from the various Sectors. He said that a message has been sent to the DFC to retrieve 10 MILOBs vehs currently being used at the FHQ and frantic efforts were being made to collect more computers and photocopiers for MILOBs.On ration and water, he said that the demand has been put in for reserve ration to meet any eventuality. He informed all about the monthly logistics confere- SLOGO

nce and requested all to submit returns during the conference. The A/Comd of Sect 4C requested for fragmentation jackets for some newly arrived MILOBs. The DCMO directed that immediate issues are made to the Sector.

d. SOO. The SOO, in his brief, mentioned the anticipated amendments in Sector AOs and the sumission of SITREP and returns. He said the Sect Comds should closely monitor RPA deployment and advised Comds to maintain close liaison with all the Prefects and suggested that where possible comds can attach monotoring teams tothe various prefectures. On deployment, he said that plans were afoot to do some redeployment and amendment in some Sectors cited Sectors 2 and 3 as examples. He requested for the deployement of the Nigerian Contingent Comd to assist in planing his deployment. The Comd said that he was encountering some problems with the RPA especially in the NYAGATARE area where they have refused UNAMIR deployment. The OIC Plans said that a letter will be forwarded to the RPA High Comd to that effect. On the submission of returns/SITREP, the SOO was quite satisfied with the weekly SITREP from the Sectors and requested for returns on all main entry/exit points on daily basis where possible, as well as more reports on the political situation in the various Sectors. In his contribution, the DCMO said that pers at the various Sector HQs will be reduced to 7 during the impending reorganization exercise.

11. **CIVPOL**. During his briefing, the CIVPOL rep requested all Sect Comds to get the various Prefects informed about the deployment of the CIVPOL to train the communal police. He said that the lack of adequate transport is holding up the deployment. The Sect 3 Comd suggested that proper liaison was done with the govt to get the message down to the Prefects to save UNAMIR from all administrative problems. CIVPOL

12. **Humanitrian Sit**. In his brief, the CHAO once again advised Sect Comds to use local resources to assist the people. He said that his cell intended to carry out a massive exercise in Sect 4A to evacuate the displaced pers. He tasked the Sect Comd to ensure that all the people were registered, and the necessary security checks were carried out in the camps on the COMD SECT 4A

day of the evacuation and if possible to get the NGOs to issue food to the people in the camp before take-off. He asked all Sect Comds to forward their tpt requests to his outfit. He said that BRITCON, IOM and UNHCR had enough tpt to meet their requests and added that he was seeking authority from the FC to use the tpt resource of ZAMBATT.

13. **Summary of Decisions/Suggestions**. The following decisions/suggestions were made:

a. 20 vehs from UNOMUR to be sent to BYUMBA for distribution.

b. 20 UN flags to be distributed immediately.

c. Sect 5 to be provided with a repeater.

d. Copies of letters on the free movement of UNAMIR pers in Rwanda to be forwarded to the Bde Comd of RPA.

e. Tents from UNOMUR to be distributed to Sector HQs when they arrived.

f. Reserved MRE too be issued to Sect HQs for monitoring teams.

g. OIC Plans to write to RPA High Comd on the deployment of UNAMIR in the NYAGATARE area.

h. Returns to be submitted on the distribution of appointment in the Sectors.

14. **Closing Remarks**. In his closing remarks, the DCMO implored all to do their possible best to assist the returnees. He admitted that due to the lack of logistics, MILOBs will continue to be less committed and suggested joint patrols with formed troops and an increase in the strength of pers per veh during missions.

15. He announced that KIGALI Sector would host the next conference. The conference ended at 1515hrs.

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MILOB GP HQ

MINUTES OF MILOBS COMMAND AND STAFF CONFERENCE HELD AT SECTOR 4 CHARLIE HEADQUARTERS - CYANGUGU ON FRI 09 SEPTEMBER 1994

PRESENT :	COL	ID TICOKA	-	CMO
	COL	CB YAACHE	-	CHAO
	LT COL	ILIYA	-	SOO
	LT COL	TRAORE	-	CIV POL
	LT COL	MUSTAFIZ	-	COMD SECT 2
	LT COL	QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4 B
	LT COL	B GBORGLAH	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT COL	PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
	LT COL	DOUNKOV	-	SMPO
	LT COL	NYAAKU	-	SLOGO
	LT COL	MASAGANISE	-	PLANS&TRG
	MAJ	AWADEY	-	COMD SECT 4 A
	MAJ	KONE	-	COMD SECT 4 C
	CAPT	WEISSENBOCK	-	COMD SECT 5
	10	MILOBS		
	CAPT	NAT DANQUAH	-	SECRETARY

INTRODUCTION

	ACTION BY
1. The participants to the conference were welcomed to the Sector by Maj Kone, the Acting Sector Commander who expressed his gratitude to the CMO for selecting his area as host to the second conference. He said that his Sector is the most volatile in our area of operation due to the refugees situation in the area. He wished all a happy and fruitful deliberation.	MAJ KONE

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2. In his opening remarks, the CMO thanked the Sector Comd and his staff for hosting the Conference and seized the opportunity to welcome Colonel Yaache and all other participants to the Conference. He also introduced Lt Cols Dounkov and John Masaganise who have been appointed as CMPO and OIC PLANS and TRAINING respectively to the gathering.	CMO
3. He urged all participants to be specific in their briefing and directed that any decisions made at the Conference must be implemented immediately. The Conference started at 1125hrs.	ALL
ITEM II - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE	
4. The SOO who read through the previous Minutes, touched on selected important decisions arrived at during the maiden Conference.	SOO
a. Provision of Vehs. He said that the situation has not changed much since only one vehicle each has been provided to the various Sectors.	
b. Comms. He remarked that the problem with comms remains the same and reiterated the need for repeaters to be installed at vantage points to facilitate comms between base stations and patrols. He advised all to continue to rely on the facilities of the Canadian Sig Sqn and other formed units until a solution is found by Force HQ to the problem. On the provision of Satelite Telephone, the SOO admitted that the issue is a big problem since the facilities available belong to the Canadians and not UN. He assured all that efforts will be	SOO

made to get users of the Canadian facilities to probably pay a token fee.

c. Stationery and Maps

(1) The SOO said that the issue of provision of Maps and Stationery has been reasonably solved. He advised all Sector Comds to call at the MILOB GP HQ for Maps of their Sectors.

(2) The CMO disagreed and directed that all demands should be put in immediately and the Ops Cell must despatch the Maps to the various Sector locations. SOO SECT COMDS

ITEM III - SECTOR COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

5. The various Sector Comds and Staff Officers at the MILOB GP HQ took their turns and briefed.

a. Sector 4 B

(1) The Comd who took over on Mon 5 Sep 94, admitted that his Sector has been inactive. He said that the general situation has been quite calm. According to him, the acts of banditry and killings which were reported by the Congolese tps have abated and he is conducting a recce of the Sector to send out patrols to cover whole Sector. He however observed that the cooperation between MILOBs and the formed troops has not been the best and promised to deal with the overall comd to streamline the issue. SECT COMD

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(2) Political Front

(a) On the political front, the Sect Comd said that the newly appointed prefect escorted by a platoon of RPA troops and an LO, arrived in KIBUYE Prefecture on Wed 07 Sep 94. He said that the Prefect visited GISHITA on Thu 08 Sep 94 to establish his maiden contact with the population.

(b) He said that the overall impression is that the population is still scared and very apprehensive of the RPA presence in the area and assured the gathering that he will continue to monitor all political activities in the Sector with keen interest.

(3) Humanitarian Activities

(a) According to the sector commander, only two agencies are operating in the area. These are the Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA) which runs a hospital in KIBUYE and Medicins Sans Frontieres which has a camp at BABANZA. He said that the population in the area are in dire need of food, medicals and water. He said the humanitarian assistance efforts subsided after the departure of the French although the Senegalese contingent still provide certain needs such as drinking water.

(b) He observed that there is no relationship between MILOBS and the NGOs in the sector but promised to liaise with them so that all essential requirements of the population will be collected and forwarded to the HQ for further action. | SECT COMD HUM CELL

(3) Administration. The sector commander said that his main administration problem is accommodation for his MILOBS. He said that no hotels were functioning due to the security situation. He therefore requested that the eleven newly posted MILOBS be held up in GITARAMA until the situation improves. | SOO

He also requested for office equipment although he has no office yet for the sector. | SLOGO

(4) Sitreps. The Sector Comd questioned the rational behind the decision that his sector should not send SITREPS to MILOB HQ. The SOO said that all SITREPS from the sector should be sent to overall comd in the area but requested that an info copy be forwarded to MILOB HQ. He tasked the Sector Comd to confirm whether certain displaced persons are still moving towards the island in his sector. | SECT COMD

b. Sector 4C. The Sector Comd's briefing covered the general situation in the sector, the activities of the Ethiopia Contingent, MILOBs' activities, admin and logistics and the security situation in the area.

(1) General Situation. He said that the general situation was relatively calm.

He said that the working relationship between the MILOBs, the NGOs and the Ethiopian Contingent was quite good.

(2) **Ethiopian Contingent activities**. On the activities of the Ethiopian Contingent, the Sector Comd said that after two weeks of hesitation, the contingent is now fulfilling its functions very well with the setting up of Check Points to control movement in the area. He was however of the view that they go to extremes on certain issues. He said that the Ethiopians for instance do not want the francophone battalions to enter their AO without prior notice. The Sector Commander said that the Ethiopian Contingent also refused to provide escorts for UNHCR convoys claiming that the area was safe. UNHCR therefore had to cancel the transportation of displaced persons. On the attitude of the Ethiopians towards the francophone troops, the CMO said that all UN vehs and pers are free to go to any territory of their choice. He therefore did not see the problem with the Ethiopians. He however, suggested that the various Battalion Comds can exchange routine patrol programmes. BN COMDS

(3) **MILOBs Activities**

(a) MILOBs continued with their routine activities. The Sect Comd said that with arrival of new MILOBs, he has organized his set up into humanitarian and security cells. He said that the humanitarian cell attends all NGO meetings. He said that during the week,

they recorded 6839 returnees while 970 crossed into Zaire. In addition, the British transported 186 persons to KIGALI UNHCR evacuated 285 persons to Land 3221 used public transport to KIGALI.

Land fro Zaire

(b) On the issue of command, the Sect Comd requested the CMO to give clear instructions to eliminate the rift between him and the Comd of the Ethiopian Contingent. He cited the example of the refusal of the contingent comd to host the prefect and 45 RPA soldiers on 8 Sep 94 claiming that the responsibility was not his. On the problem of command, Col Yaache said that the Ethiopian Comd must be made to understand that he is in control and as a result should not shirk his responsibilities.

CMO

(c) The Sect Comd requested that he is given prior warning on the move of any of the RPA authorities and the government. He was not particularly happy about the unoderly manner in which the movement of the Prefect and his escorts was organized. The SOO intervened and the problem on the deployment of the Prefect and was a result of lack of coordination by the RPF and promised that efforts would made to give prior information in future.

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SOO

(4) **Admin and Logistics**. On admin and logistics, the Sect Comd said that he is presently holding 4 vehicles for 22 MILOBs.

Due to the lack of vehicles, he intended to deploy one team at the Coy HQ at the Tea Factory and the other at NYAMASHEKE. Each of the teams was to be given one veh. The SOO disagreed with him and suggested that he deploys a team in the Tea Factory with two vehs and leave out the northern part which can be covered by the team in the Tea Factory until he receives more vehs. The Sect Comd requested for a computer and a photocopier to set up his office. The SLOGO said that he did not have any in stock so the CMO directed that the computer in his office should be given to the Sector. He asked the SLOGO to follow up the returns on office equipment so that he can get a computer for the Sector. The Comd Sector 2 promised to release one of his computers to Sector 4C. SLOGO

(5) <u>Security</u>

(a) The Sector Comd said that during the week, all the gendarmes were disarmed by the Ethiobatt and this has created a big security gap since the Ethiopians cannot provide adequate security for the area.

(b) The CMO admitted that they are thinly deployed and said that he will raise the issue up at FHQ to probably request for an additional company to boost up the strength of the troops on the ground. The Sector Comd was asked to advise the commander of the formed troops on all security matters but must not however go too far so as not to interfere with command. CMO SECT COMD

c. Sector 4A. The briefing was done by the acting Sector Comd Maj Perry Awadey. He covered the general sit, poitical, humanitarian, civilian affairs, MILOBs activities, admin and logistics.

(1) General Sit. He said the situation was calm and acts of banditry also reduced. Those arrested had been handed over to the prisons authorities. He said that the Prefect of GIKONGORO arrived and the people were apprehensive about the presence of 58 RPA soldiers. According to the Sector Comd, the RPA have given indications that their strength is inadequate and by next week, they will receive about 4000 troops.

(2) Political. He said that, politically, all seems to be going on quite well in the Sector. Meetings were organized with Commune leaders, priests, doctors and other opinion leaders. He added that the Bourgmaster has already toured the northern part and his next tour would be in the south. He said the displaced people at KIBEHO were happy about his visit. SECT COMD

(3) Humanitarian Sit

(a) He said the Sector has about 504,000 displaced pers in 30 Camps with 10 NGOs administering them. 2,000 displaced pers left for other parts of the country during the week. The evacuation op was however, suspended on 8 Sep 94 due to the outbreak of meningitis among the displaced pers. He said the evacuation would resume on 19 Sep 94.

(b) The Sect Comd said that the main problems facing the humanitarian action are the supply of POL and the state of some of the roads which are still deteriorating. He said UNAMIR used to supply POL to the NGOs but this has ceased so the distribution of food generally has been adversely affected. He added that British Engr Det has started repairing some of the roads. According to the Sect Comd, repair works on all the bridges have been completed and the only problem is with a bridge in the north ~~which~~ whose repairs was estimated to cost 2,500,000RWF. He said about $200,000 would be required for the repair works. He said CARITAS and some NGOs are assisting with the funding.

(4) Civilian Affairs. The Sect Comd said that rumours were spreading in the area that some judges who were evacuated to help set up the national judicial system have been detained at BUTARE so one of the judges who was to be evacuated to join them has refused to be to evacuated. He said that all Commune Police were disarmed prior to the arrival of the RPA. This issue, he said, was being discussed with the Prefect because the Bourgmasters are scared and unhappy about the absence of low level security system. He was of the view that since the RPA lacked local knowledge of the area, it will be advisable to rearm the Commune Police to continue their security duties.

(5) MILOBs Activities. Routine activities were carried out during the period.

(6) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd complained about the veh state and the stoppage of issue dry ration and water. He said that despite the size of the Sector and the presence of a lot of displaced pers, he has only 3 vehs which are road-worthy. He,therefore, requested that the newly posted MILOBs should be kept at GITARAMA until additional 5 vehicles were issued to the Sector. He said food and water were could not be found on the local market except the relief food for the displaced pers. The CMO advised that all Sect Comds could use a day to arrange for food and water from other towns outside their sectors. The Sect Comd requested that reps from UNAMIR Log Cell should be invited to the sectors to assess the food situation.

d. Sector 5. Capt Weissenbock deputised for the Sect Comd and did the briefing.

(1) General Sit. He said the sit was calm. He added that the deployment at RUHENGERI woud be done when comms facilities were put in place. He said that information received indicated that the Tunisian Platoon was not expected to deploy within the next one month.

(2) Capt Weissenbock mentioned that the RPA Northern Bde deployed 7th Bn at RUHENGERI with C Mobile Force to the south of the town. The CMO directed that all Sectors should up-date their maps showing the current strengths and dispositions of the RPA. The CMO said that RPA have 5 Bdes deployed almost in line with the UNAMIR Force. In addition, Capt Weissenbock said that the RPA hinted that letters received

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indicate clandestine grenade attacks in RWERERE and other key positions in the sector. This, he said brought about extra security measures by the RPA. The RPA intensified patrols and placed restriction on movement except UNAMIR pers. He said that about 4,000 former RGF troops were reported to be in a camp north of GOMA.

(3) Humanitarian Activities. He said the humanitarian situation has been good and a lot of medical and food supply points were set up on the road GISENYI-RUHENGERI. He added that the NGOs have transport problems especially when it comes to transportation of displaced pers to other parts of the country. He mentioned that 1,200 returnees were awaiting evacuation at GISENYI. He said that the NGOs have started recce of the Northern and Southern parts of the Sector for supply of drugs, food and seeds for farming. Col Yaache advised that the NGOs should be told to ensure that the staging areas do not become permanent refugee camps.

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NGOs

(4) Civilian Affairs. About 2,000 returnees crossed into Rwanda from Zaire and about 300 come by foot through the volcano areas daily. He mentioned that water and electricity supply are working at GISENYI and RUHENGERI areas under the supervision of ICRC. This was ~~These would be~~ handed over to the local administration ~~by~~ on 8 Sep 94.

(5) Ops and Admin problems. On these problems he said that the main points of concern are the presence of mines in the N En Sector.

He said that there are also the problems of Zairean Immigration officials demanding that UNAMIR pers should possess visas before ~~cro~~ crossing into Zaire, and the need for additional veh. He requested for mine clearing team to clear all mines in the area and educate the locals on mines awareness. He also requested that efforts should be made at higher level to clear the issue on visas for UNAMIR pers since there is still liaison with the French and NGOs at GOMA. SLOGO SOO

e. <u>Sector 3</u>

(1) <u>Gen Sit</u>. The was relatively calm but there were few sporadic shooting and grenade explosions carried out by pers. There were also allegations against the RPA for killings and arrests. The RPA's relationship with the local population has not been good.

(2) On the political situation, the Sect Comd said that the election of the Bourgmaster and advisers was in progress and that only about 50% had been completed. He said that the Prefect of the area held his first meeting with his subordinates and the issues raised include security and humanitarian situation in the prefecture.

(3) <u>RPA, RGF and Militia Activities</u>. The Sect Comd ~~said that~~ held a meeting with local commander at GITARAMA. He said that the local commander complained of about inadequate humanitarian activities in the area and threatened to hijack all food trucks crossing his territory.

He said that the RPA were alleged to have arrested 50 suspects at RUHANGO before and on 4 Sep 94. He said that according to the ICRC, arrests are also going in the BUTARE area. MILOBs are investigating these arrests. The Sect Comd added that a lot of shooting was recorded in BUTARE and MILOBs complained to the RPF LO. He said that RPA once came to the Sect HQ looking for the owner of the Fuel Station that UNAMIR intended to use. The man was evacuated to KIGALI.

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On the RGF, the Sect Comd said that defectors were still coming in and 19 ex-RGF soldiers were handed over during the week. On the issue of RPA pers refusing to sign handing/taking over papers on the defectors, the CMO tasked Plans & Trg branch to liaise with FHQ to ensure that UNAMIR SOP covers all categories of defectors.

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He said that the RPA hinted that militias who took refuge in the marshlands and the NYABARANGO valley were still a treat and the source of harassment to the people of MUGINA and other communes. He mentioned that two pers were killed in grenade explosions at VUNGA on 5 Sep 94 and the RPA intended to launch an operation to flush them out of the area. The CMO said that the situation is a complex one and wished that the judicial system is put in place to deal with such cases.

(4) <u>MILOBs Activities</u>. The Sect Comd said that MILOBs discovered 3 more mass graves each suspected to have about 40 bodies. Further investigation was being carried out into RPA

allegation that about 2,000 bodies have been buried in the MEKAJURE forest.

(5) Humanitarian Sit. The humanitarian aid to the people in the area was said to be poor. He said that there was an element of discrimination in the distribution of humanitarian aid about 50,000 pers were in dire need of aid. He said that 10 pers needed evacuation to GISENYI. According to the Sect Comd, Pharmamaciens Sans Frontieres and Bernard Kouchner's relief organization came on recce to house 250 orphans from GOMA before the rainy season begins. On the current sit in GITARAMA, Col Yaache said that he would follow up and that the NGOs have sectorised their activities.

COL YAACHE

(6) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd requested for continuation of ration issues to MILOBs, the immediate deployment of the new MILOBs currently at his location and the streamlining of the radio net. The CMO directed that with the exception of CYANGUGU MILOBs, the rest should be deployed immediately after the training. The SOO was also tasked to ~~sought~~ sort out the radio net issue.

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f. Sector 1

(1) MILOBs Activities. The Sector Comd said that MILOBs carried out routine activities and held meetings with the Prefect and NGOs. He said that NGOs' activities were limited in the sector and that the RPA would not accept UNAMIR deployment in the Gabiro area unless they

received specific order from their high command because they have a big training camp in the area. According to the Sect Comd all mines on the main road near KINIHIRA have been cleared. He said MILOBs investigated a report of an explosion at RUSIKA on 7 Sep 94. In his reaction to the deployment of issue, the CMO tasked Plans & Trg branch to write to the RPA high comd. PLANS

(2) Humanitarian Situation. According to the Sector Commander, food distribution by the WFP and ICRC although limited, is still in progress. He said that returnees continue to arrive and some petty trading is going on. The Sector Commander added that on 7 Sep, the owner of the HQ premises requested that MILOBs should occupy the whole building for safety reasons. He said that BYUMBA Prefect has to authorize. The CMO tasked Plans & Trg Officer to get more details on the issue and write to the authorities. PLANS

(3) Admin and Log. The Sector Comd raised the issues of transport and generator for MILOBs. The CMO tasked SLOGO to provide a generator to the Sector and get UNAMIR technicians to inspect the big generator at the BYUMBA Catholic Church for use by MILOBs. SLOGO

g. Sector 2

(1) Gen Sit. The situation was reported calm and normal life returning to the area. The Sect Comd said that a lot of NGOs were still operating in the city.

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UNAMIR - MINUAR

MILOB GP HQ

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HELD AT SECTOR 4 CHARLIE HEADQUARTERS - CYANGUGU
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	COL	CB YAACHE	-	CHAO
	LT COL	ILIYA	-	SOO
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	LT COL	MUSTAFIZ	-	COMD SECT 2
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	LT COL	B GBORGLAH	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT COL	PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
	LT COL	DOUNKOV	-	SMPO
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	LT COL	MASAGANISE	-	PLANS&TRG
	MAJ	AWADEY	-	COMD SECT 4 A
	MAJ	KONE	-	COMD SECT 4 C
	CAPT	WEISSENBOCK	-	COMD SECT 5
	10	MILOBS		
	CAPT	NAT DANQUAH	-	SECRETARY

INTRODUCTION

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made to get users of the Canadian facilities to probably pay a token fee.

c. Stationery and Maps

(1) The SOO said that the issue of provision of Maps and Stationery has been reasonably solved. He advised all Sector Comds to call at the MILOB GP HQ for Maps of their Sectors.

(2) The CMO disagreed and directed that all demands should be put in immediately and the Ops Cell must despatch the Maps to the various Sector locations. SOO SECT COMDS

ITEM III - SECTOR COMDS AND STAFF BRIEFING

5. The various Sector Comds and Staff Officers at the MILOB GP HQ took their turns and briefed.

a. Sector 4 B

(1) The Comd who took over on Mon 5 Sep 94, admitted that his Sector has been inactive. He said that the general situation has been quite calm. According to him, the acts of banditry and killings which were reported by the Congolese tps have abated and he is conducting a recce of the Sector to send out patrols to cover whole Sector. He however observed that the cooperation between MILOBs and the formed troops has not been the best and promised to deal with the overall comd to streamline the issue. SECT COMD

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(2) Political Front

(a) On the political front, the Sect Comd said that the newly appointed prefect escorted by a platoon of RPA troops and an LO, arrived in KIBUYE Prefecture on Wed 07 Sep 94. He said that the Prefect visited GISHITA on Thu 08 Sep 94 to establish his maiden contact with the population.

(b) He said that the overall impression is that the population is still scared and very apprehensive of the RPA presence in the area and assured the gathering that he will continue to monitor all political activities in the Sector with keen interest.

(3) Humanitarian Activities

(a) According to the sector commander, only two agencies are operating in the area. These are the Adventist Relief Agency (ADRA) which runs a hospital in KIBUYE and Medicins Sans Frontieres which has a camp at BABANZA. He said that the population in the area are in dire need of food, medicals and water. He said the humanitarian assistance efforts subsided after the departure of the French although the Senegalese contingent still provide certain needs such as drinking water.

(b) He observed that there is no relationship between MILOBS and the NGOs in the sector but promised to liaise with them so that all essential requirements of the population will be collected and forwarded to the HQ for further action. | SECT COMD HUM CELL

(3) Administration. The sector commander said that his main administration problem is accommodation for his MILOBS. He said that no hotels were functioning due to the security situation. He therefore requested that the eleven newly posted MILOBS be held up in GITARAMA until the situation improves. | SOO
He also requested for office equipment although he has no office yet for the sector. | SLOGO

(4) Sitreps. The Sector Comd questioned the rational behind the decision that his sector should not send SITREPS to MILOB HQ. The SOO said that all SITREPS from the sector should be sent to overall comd in the area but requested that an info copy be forwarded to MILOB HQ. He tasked the Sector Comd to confirm whether certain displaced persons are still moving towards the island in his sector. | SECT COMD

b. Sector 4C. The Sector Comd's briefing covered the general situation in the sector, the activities of the Ethiopia Contingent, MILOBs' activities, admin and logistics and the security situation in the area.

(1) General Situation. He said that the general situation was relatively calm.

He said that the working relationship between the MILOBs, the NGOs and the Ethiopian Contingent was quite good.

(2) <u>Ethiopian Contingent activities</u>. On the activities of the Ethiopian Contingent, the Sector Comd said that after two weeks of hesitation, the contingent is now fulfilling its functions very well with the setting up of Check Points to control movement in the area. He was however of the view that they go to extremes on certain issues. He said that the Ethiopians for instance do not want the francophone battalions to enter their AO without prior notice. The Sector Commander said that the Ethiopian Contingent also refused to provide escorts for UNHCR convoys claiming that the area was safe. UNHCR therefore had to cancel the transportation of displaced persons. On the attitude of the Ethiopians towards the francophone troops, the CMO said that all UN vehs and pers are free to go to any territory of their choice. He therefore did not see the problem with the Ethiopians. He however, suggested that the various Battalion Comds can exchange routine patrol programmes. BN COMDS

(3) <u>MILOBs Activities</u>

(a) MILOBs continued with their routine activities. The Sect Comd said that with arrival of new MILOBs, he has organized his set up into humanitarian and security cells. He said that the humanitarian cell attends all NGO meetings. He said that during the week,

they recorded 6839 returnees while 970 crossed into Zaire. In addition, the British transported 186 persons to KIGALI UNHCR evacuated 285 persons to and from Zaire and 3221 used public transport to KIGALI.

(b) On the issue of command, the Sect Comd requested the CMO to give clear instructions to eliminate the rift between him and the Comd of the Ethiopian Contingent. He cited the example of the refusal of the contingent comd to host the prefect and 45 RPA soldiers on 8 Sep 94 claiming that the responsibility was not his. On the problem of command, Col Yaache said that the Ethiopian Comd must be made to understand that he is in control and as a result should not shirk his responsibilities. CMO

(c) The Sect Comd requested that he is given prior warning on the move of any of the RPA authorities and the government. He was not particularly happy about the unoderly manner in which the movement of the Prefect and his escorts was organized. The SOO intervened and said that the problem on the deployment of the Prefect and was a result of lack of coordination by the RPF and promised that efforts would made to give prior information in future. SOO

(4) <u>Admin and Logistics</u>. On admin and logistics, the Sect Comd said that he is presently holding 4 vehicles for 22 MILOBs.

Due to the lack of vehicles, he intended to deploy one team at the Coy HQ at the Tea Factory and the other at NYAMASHEKE. Each of the teams was to be given one veh. The SOO disagreed with him and suggested that he deploys a team in the Tea Factory with two vehs and leave out the northern part which can be covered by the team in the Tea Factory until he receives more vehs. The Sect Comd requested for a computer and a photocopier to set up his office. The SLOGO said that he did not have any in stock so the CMO directed that the computer in his office should be given to the Sector. He asked the SLOGO to follow up the returns on office equipment so that he can get a computer for the Sector. The Comd Sector 2 promised to release one of his computers to Sector 4C. SLOGO

(5) <u>Security</u>

(a) The Sector Comd said that during the week, all the gendarmes were disarmed by the Ethiobatt and this has created a big security gap since the Ethiopians cannot provide adequate security for the area.

(b) The CMO admitted that they are thinly deployed and said that he will raise the issue up at FHQ to probably request for an additional company to boost up the strength of the troops on the ground. The Sector Comd was asked to advise the commander of the formed troops on all security matters but must not however go too far so as not to interfere with command. CMO SECT COMD

c. Sector 4A. The briefing was done by the acting Sector Comd Maj Perry Awadey. He covered the general sit, poitical, humanitarian, civilian affairs, MILOBs activities, admin and logistics.

(1) General Sit. He said the situation was calm and acts of banditry also reduced. Those arrested had been handed over to the prisons authorities. He said that the Prefect of GIKONGORO arrived and the people were apprehensive about the presence of 58 RPA soldiers. According to the Sector Comd, the RPA have given indications that their strength is inadequate and by next week, they will receive about 4000 troops.

(2) Political. He said that, politically, all seems to be going on quite well in the Sector. Meetings were organized with Commune leaders, priests, doctors and other opinion leaders. He added that the Bourgmaster has already toured the northern part and his next tour would be in the south. He said the displaced people at KIBEHO were happy about his visit. SECT COMD

(3) Humanitarian Sit

(a) He said the Sector has about 504,000 displaced pers in 30 Camps with 10 NGOs administering them. 2,000 displaced pers left for other parts of the country during the week. The evacuation op was however, suspended on 8 Sep 94 due to the outbreak of meningitis among the displaced pers. He said the evacuation would resume on 19 Sep 94.

(b) The Sect Comd said that the main problems facing the humanitarian action are the supply of POL and the state of some of the roads which are still deteriorating. He said UNAMIR used to supply POL to the NGOs but this has ceased so the distribution of food generally has been adversely affected. He added that British Engr Det has started repairing some of the roads. According to the Sect Comd, repair works on all the bridges have been completed and the only problem is with a bridge in the north which repairs was estimated to cost 2,500,000RWF. He said about $200,000 would be required for the repair works. He said CARITAS and some NGOs are assisting with the funding.

(4) Civilian Affairs. The Sect Comd said that rumours were spreading in the area that some judges who were evacuated to help set up the national judicial system have been detained at BUTARE so one of the judges who was to be evacuated to join them has refused to be to evacuated. He said that all Commune Police were disarmed prior to the arrival of the RPA. This issue, he said, was being discussed with the Prefect because the Bourgmasters are scared and unhappy about the absence of low level security system. He was of the view that since the RPA lacked local knowledge of the area, it will be advisable to rearm the Commune Police to continue their security duties.

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d. Sector 5. Capt Weissenbock deputised for the Sect Comd and did the briefing.

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(2) Capt Weissenbock mentioned that the RPA Northern Bde deployed 7th Bn at RUHENGERI with C Mobile Force to the south of the town. The CMO directed that all Sectors should up-date their maps showing the current strengths and dispositions of the RPA. The CMO said that RPA have 5 Bdes deployed almost in line with the UNAMIR Force. In addition, Capt Weissenbock said that the RPA hinted that letters received

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indicate clandestine grenade attacks in RWERERE and other key positions in the sector. This, he said brought about extra security measures by the RPA. The RPA intensified patrols and placed restriction on movement except UNAMIR pers. He said that about 4,000 former RGF troops were reported to be in a camp north of GOMA.

(3) Humanitarian Activities. He said the humanitarian situation has been good and a lot of medical and food supply points were set up on the road GISENYI-RUHENGERI. He added that the NGOs have transport problems especially when it comes to transportation of displaced pers to other parts of the country. He mentioned that 1,200 returnees were awaiting evacuation at GISENYI. He said that the NGOs have started recce of the Northern and Southern parts of the Sector for supply of drugs, food and seeds for farming. Col Yaache advised that the NGOs should be told to ensure that the staging areas do not become permanent refugee camps.

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(5) Ops and Admin problems. On these problems he said that the main points of concern are the presence of mines in the N En Sector.

He said that there are also the problems of Zairean Immigration officials demanding that UNAMIR pers should possess visas before ~~are~~ crossing into Zaire, and the need for additional veh. He requested for mine clearing team to clear all mines in the area and educate the locals on mines awareness. He also requested that efforts should be made at higher level to clear the issue on visas for UNAMIR pers since there is still liaison with the French and NGOs at GOMA. SLOGO SOO

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(1) Gen Sit. The was relatively calm but there were few sporadic shooting and grenade explosions carried out by pers. There were also allegations against the RPA for killings and arrests. The RPA's relationship with the local population has not been good.

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Col Diarra	-	CIVPOL Commissioner
Lt Col Austdal	-	Sector 5 Comd
Lt Col Doumbia	-	Liason Offr MILOB HQ
Lt Col Gborglah	-	Sector 3 Comd
Lt Col Iliya	-	COO
Lt Col Nyaaku	-	SLOGO
Lt Col W Putcher	-	Sector 1 Comd
Lt Col M Rahaman	-	Sector 2 Comd
Maj P Awade	-	Sector 4A Ops offr
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Maj D Mpanda	-	OC MALAWICOY
Maj JHB Ndebele	-	MIO MILOB HQ
Maj V Nundwe	-	A/STL BUTARE
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Maj D Traore	-	SO LOG
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Mr ABS Dao	-	SRSG Rep
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Action

OPENING REMARKS

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a. Political brief.
b. CAO's brief.
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