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Please find attached, copies in English and French, of the statement made on 23 August by the President of the Security Council, on the forcible repatriation of Rwandese and Burundese refugees by Zaire, as well as the record of the Security Council meeting at which the statement was adopted (S/PV/3569).
Regards.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3569th meeting of the Security Council, held on 23 August 1995, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation concerning Rwanda", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council views with deep concern the forcible repatriation of Rwandan and Burundian refugees by the Government of Zaire and the increasingly tense situation in the region.

"The Security Council takes note of the recent letter from the Government of Zaire to the Secretary-General (S/1995/722) and the Secretary-General's reply (S/1995/723) in which he urges the Government of Zaire to continue to provide assistance to Rwandan and Burundian refugees.

"The Security Council considers that Zaire and the other States which have accepted refugees from Rwanda and Burundi make an important contribution, in spite of the considerable difficulties created for them thereby, to peace and stability in the region. Their contribution is of special importance in view of the genocide which took place in Rwanda and the possibility of further bloodshed in Burundi. The Council also notes the commitment of the Government of Rwanda to take the necessary steps to facilitate the safe return of its nationals as soon as possible and encourages it to continue its efforts in order to implement its undertakings in this respect.

"The Security Council calls on the Government of Zaire to stand by its humanitarian obligations regarding refugees, including, *inter alia*, those under the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951, and to reconsider and halt its declared policy of the forcible repatriation of refugees to Rwanda and Burundi.

"The Security Council supports the decision by the Secretary-General to send the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the region to engage in urgent discussions with the Government of Zaire and neighbouring States with a view to resolving the situation. It encourages all

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Governments in the region to cooperate with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to achieve the voluntary and orderly repatriation of refugees. It also calls on the international community to provide all possible assistance to help care for the refugees."

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ORIGINAL : ANGLAIS**DÉCLARATION DU PRÉSIDENT DU CONSEIL DE SÉCURITÉ**

À la 3569^e séance du Conseil de sécurité, tenue le 23 août 1995, dans le cadre de l'examen de la question intitulée "La situation concernant le Rwanda", le Président du Conseil de sécurité a fait la déclaration suivante au nom du Conseil :

"Le Conseil de sécurité constate avec une vive préoccupation que le Gouvernement zairois procède au rapatriement forcé de réfugiés rwandais et burundais et que la situation est de plus en plus tendue dans la région.

Le Conseil prend note de la lettre récemment adressée au Secrétaire général par le Gouvernement zairois (S/1995/722) et de la réponse du Secrétaire général (S/1995/723), dans laquelle celui-ci invite instamment le Gouvernement zairois à continuer d'apporter une assistance aux réfugiés rwandais et burundais.

Le Conseil estime que le Zaïre et les autres États qui ont accepté des réfugiés rwandais et burundais, malgré les énormes difficultés auxquelles ils se heurtent de ce fait, apportent une contribution importante à la paix et à la stabilité dans la région. Leur contribution revêt une importance particulière étant donné le génocide qui a eu lieu au Rwanda et la possibilité d'une autre effusion de sang au Burundi. Le Conseil note également que le Gouvernement rwandais s'est engagé à prendre les mesures nécessaires pour faciliter le retour, dans les meilleurs délais, de ses nationaux en toute sécurité et l'encourage à poursuivre ses efforts pour tenir les engagements qu'il a pris à cet égard.

Le Conseil demande instamment au Gouvernement zairois d'honorer ses obligations humanitaires en ce qui concerne les réfugiés, y compris celles qui découlent de la Convention relative au statut des réfugiés de 1951, et de reconsidérer, en vue d'y mettre fin, sa politique déclarée de rapatriement forcé des réfugiés au Rwanda et au Burundi.

Le Conseil appuie la décision prise par le Secrétaire général d'envoyer le Haut Commissaire des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés dans la région afin d'engager d'urgence des pourparlers avec le

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Gouvernement du Zaïre et des États voisins dans le but de dénouer la situation. Il encourage tous les gouvernements de la région à coopérer avec le Haut Commissaire pour les réfugiés afin de faire en sorte que les réfugiés soient rapatriés de leur plein gré et dans l'ordre. Il invite en outre la communauté internationale à fournir toute l'assistance possible pour aider à subvenir aux besoins des réfugiés."

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Provisional

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 Wednesday, 23 August 1995, 1.20 p.m.
 New York

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The situation concerning Rwanda

Letter dated 17 August 1995 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Zaire addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1995/722)

Letter dated 18 August 1995 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Zaire (S/1995/723)

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The meeting was called to order at 1.20 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The situation concerning Rwanda

Letter dated 17 August 1995 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Zaire addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1995/722)

Letter dated 18 August 1995 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Zaire (S/1995/723)

The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have the following documents before them: S/1995/722, letter dated 17 August 1995 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Zaire addressed to the Secretary-General; and S/1995/723, letter dated 18 August 1995 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Zaire.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

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This statement will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/PRST/1995/41.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda. The Security Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 1.25 p.m.