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Fax: 011-254-2-622935

From: Diana Russler
Senior Security Coordination Officer

Date: 23 January 1996

Subject: Designated Official, Rwanda

1. Reference your fax of 23 January 1996, please be advised that Burundi is currently in Security Phase Three. The Designated Official is the UN Resident Coordinator for Burundi, Mr. Mirza Hussain Khan (tel: 257-226619, fax: 257-225850).

2. In accordance with Phase Three, travel to Burundi by staff members is permitted only on a case by case basis with the specific and exceptional approval of the United Nations Security Coordinator and the Designated Official.

cc: Mr. Khan

Ms Rivero
Mr Ischlika
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Original given to Zorina. 13/12/95

Minutes of the meeting of the steering committee on security issues held on 12 December 1995

The Steering Committee on Security Issues, formed by the CAO the CSO and the LO held its first meeting on 12 December 1995. The following are the decisions adopted by the committee:

1. Security clearances: It was recommended that the SRSG, in his capacity as Designated Official for Security (DOS), stress to the Heads of Agency the importance of providing complete information on the dates of arrival and, particularly, departure of individuals for whom security clearances are requested. The CSO will draft a standard format of a letter to be submitted by the Agencies to the DOS for security clearances requests.

2. UN detainees:

a) It was decided to draft urgently a fax to Mr. Sevan giving all available information on the five detainees mentioned in his fax of 5 December, and informing him that efforts are under way with the agencies to update and complete the list of detainees in an accurate manner.

a) It was recommended that the SRSG stress to the Heads of Agency the importance of prompt reporting by the agencies to the DOS of cases of detention of UN staff. The DOS has the responsibility to report such cases to the UN Security Coordinator within 24 hours from the arrest. The committee notes that in some cases, despite UNAMIR efforts, detentions were communicated to UNAMIR many months after they occurred, and were never communicated to the UN Security Coordinator. Reporting by the UN Security Coordinator to the General Assembly has suffered inaccuracies due to this, putting the DOS in an embarrassing position.

b) It was suggested that the SRSG point to the Heads of Agency that UN legal officers are working towards getting as much information as possible on the cases of all the UN staff detained. All collaboration by the agencies staff should be therefore offered to them. In this light, UNAMIR officers will convene a working level meeting of all agencies.

c) It was suggested that the LO request an urgent meeting with the Directeur-Général at the Ministry of Justice to follow-up on the note verbale sent on 26 October 1995, which dealt with the issue of UN staff detained in Rwanda.

3. Legal mission to Rwanda: The committee decided that, since Mr. Sevan had been informed of the course of action agreed upon by the Heads of Agency meeting of 15 November, it was best not to revive the issue and to implement the decisions taken at that meeting: to make use of available resources and in a second stage to hire a prominent Rwandese lawyer to assist UNAMIR legal officers with these cases.

Susan Matthew, CAO
12 December 1995

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