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Subject: UN System-wide Special Initiative on Africa

The SRSG is launching the UN System-wide Special Initiative on Africa, on Wednesday 20 March, 1996 at Hôtel des Milles Collines at 1500 hrs. Coordination work in this regard is being undertaken by UNDP, who has requested for provision of some equipment (e.g. microphones, OHP, screen for the OHP and interpreters from UNAMIR. Mr. William Clive shall confirm about the availability of the equipment today.

The Executive Director may wish to assign the services of Mr. Frank Georges, interpreter, for the aforementioned Launching Ceremony scheduled for Wednesday 20 March at 15:00 hrs.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. N. A. Khan', is written above the printed name.

J. N. A. Khan
Political Affairs Officer



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Subject: Plastic Slippers for Prisoners; Consignment Of

This is regarding the consignment of plastic slippers which has been forwarded by Messrs Packfords from Pakistan and lying at Mombasa, Kenya. The slippers are meant for use by the prisoners in Rwanda.

As desired by the Executive Director, the matter was discussed with Mr. Ballug (Procurement) and Mr. Clive (CISS) who confirmed receipt of shipping invoice and arrival of this consignment of slippers in Mombasa. Mr. Clive indicated that he is not aware as to how the order was placed, what UNAMIR has to do with it and from where finances were to be arranged for clearing and transportation of the consignment from Mombasa to Kigali, Rwanda. The cost for transporting the container of rubber slippers from Mombasa to Kigali could be around US\$3,000 plus clearing/handling charges and of-course payment of storage/demurrage charges, if any.

It is understood that UK mission in Kigali had funded the purchase of rubber slippers for Prisoner, at a total cost of US\$10,000. Perhaps the mission could again be approached for meeting the remaining cost amounting to US\$5000 approximately. Alternatively, the SRSG's Prison team's, liabilities and commitments are to be met from the Danish contribution of US\$260,000 transferred by DHA, New York to UNAMIR. Payment of around US\$27,000 had already been made by UNAMIR for provision of 1250 Pallets for use at the Onatracom Prison. Likewise, clearing/storage and transportation costs, etc with regard to the aforementioned consignment could also met against this fund.

In a meeting with Ms. Rubecca of UNDP, looking after the Prison's Project, it has been agreed that the SRSG Prison team's liabilities and commitments shall duly be met

against the Danish contribution as and when transferred to UNDP. Further, in a telephonic conversation of today, Ms. Rubecca has requested for early transfer of Danish funds to UNDP. This is being taken care of by CAO who may be requested for early transfer of funds to UNDP, so that the work on the prison's project is undertaken soonest possible.

Submitted for consideration

Javed A. Khan
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The Heads of Agencies meeting was attended by me at the UNDP Conference Room on Wednesday, 31 January 1996.

The agenda for the meeting mainly covered an up date on refugee repatriation, the security situation and arrangements with regard to the forthcoming Round Table Conference to be held in Geneva.

Mr. A. Mahiga, Coordinator for Rwanda/Burundi Emergency Unit based in Geneva, who was in Kigali on a visit, said that Zaire had advised, following an agreement at the Tripartite Commission held in Geneva between Zaire/Rwanda/UNHCR on 20 December 1995, that it was going along with closure of refugee camps and would start with the closure of one camp in Northern Goma and then another one in Bukavu; that this exercise would start any time from 1 February 1996.

He also said that the Rwandese Government has been advised for that decision by Zaire and that the Government of Rwanda had accepted to make all necessary preparation to receive refugees provided they would arrive in an orderly manner.

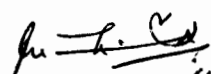
The Rwanda Government has also been requested to conduct mass information campaigns of inviting the refugees to come home. It was further agreed to send some Rwandese officials to the camps in Zaire to go and speak to the refugees provided these Rwandan officials were invited by the Zairian Government.

UNHCR believes that the operation would be carried out in an orderly manner to ensure the voluntary nature of the repatriation.

Mr. W.R. Urasa, UNHCR representative to Rwanda, said that substantial preparations had been made and were being made inside Rwanda, so as to be able to receive large number of refugee.

The representative of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda informed the participants about the incident of harassment and beating of the Tribunal staff members by RPA officials at a road side checking point near Trafipro. He said that a protest note has been lodged with the Rwandan Government and the Tribunal has been assured by the latter to seriously investigate the matter and strict action would be taken against the wrong doers.

Mr. Babacar Cisse representing the UNDP briefed the member about the forthcoming Round Table Conference in Geneva and advised all concerned to submit their recommendation and suggestions in the next Wednesday meeting.


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