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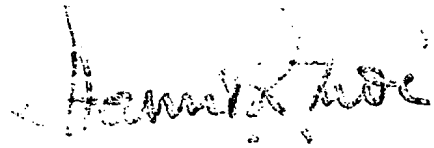
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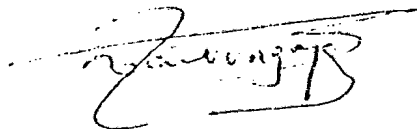
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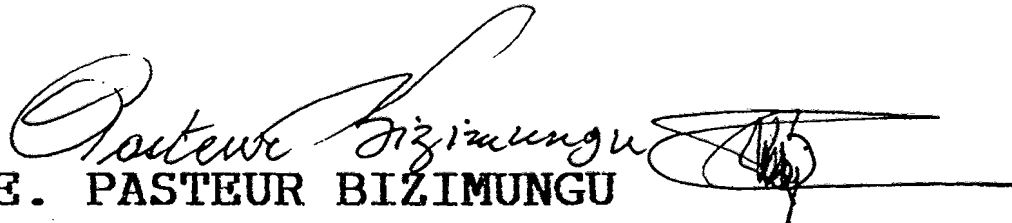
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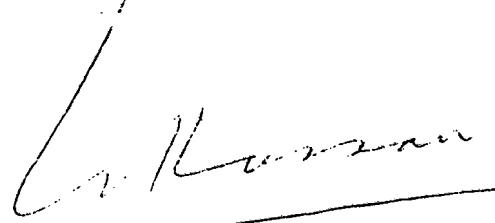



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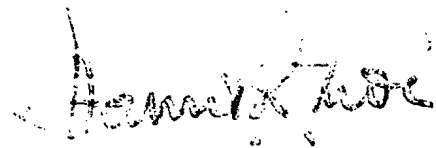
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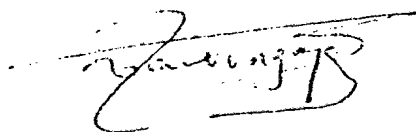
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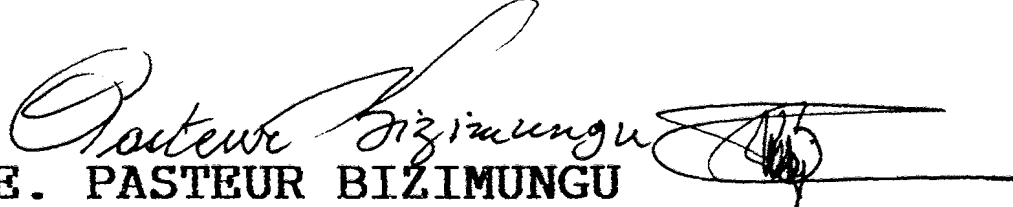
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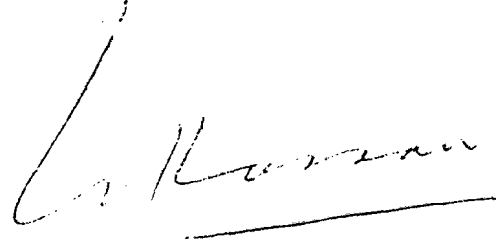


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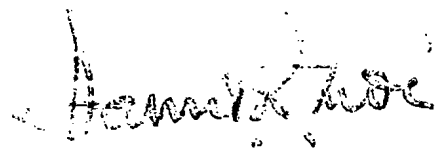
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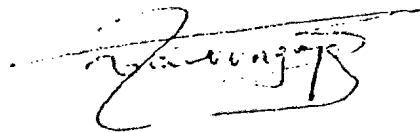
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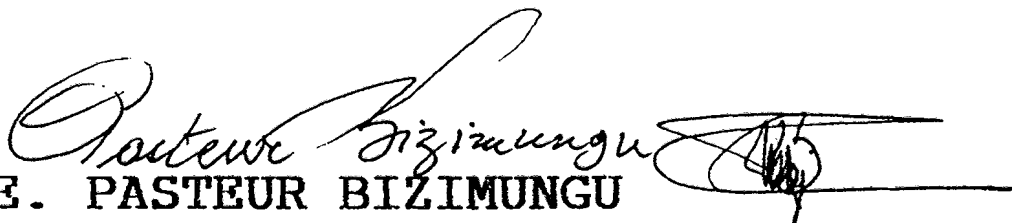
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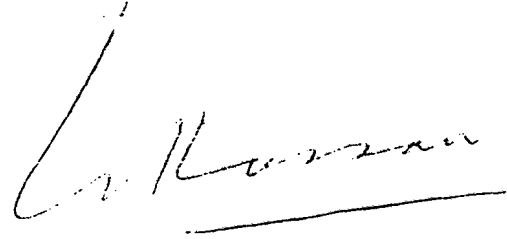


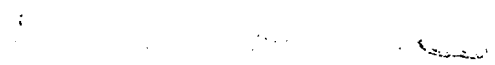
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Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency President Daniel arap Moi
Your Excellencies distinguished Presidents of Burundi,
Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zaire and Zambia
Your Excellencies Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a special privilege and honour for me
as special representative of the UN Sec. General in Rwanda
to address this august gathering. It is appropriate that
this conference of regional leaders should be held in
your beautiful ~~capital~~ country ^{from} where the call of human
rights lit the torch of freedom for so many people across
the world. Today, we meet to dedicate ourselves again to
the same call of freedom for over 2 million refugees
from Rwanda to return to their homes in dignity
safely and honour. Allow me ^{Chairman} to express my profound
appreciation at the courtesy and welcome extended to me
and my delegation by the govt of Kenya in your gracious capital


Mr. Chairman

The initiative to hold this regional summit
is most welcome and opportune. It will provide an
impetus to the regional conference on refugees related issues
which is ~~to be held under the aegis of~~ ^{to be held} being sponsored
by UNHCR and OAU in Rufumbira next month.
The appalling tragedy in Rwanda not only ravaged
that country but also spread its devastation to its
neighbouring countries where over 2 million refugees
have wrought ecological havoc, political tensions,
social and economic degradation. The ~~populations~~ ^{people and govt's} of these
countries have made deep sacrifices in receiving
these ^{refugees} and deserve not only ~~to be provided~~ political

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support to ~~Guinean~~ resolve the problem but economic compensation ~~for the economic and ecological damage~~ to their countries. The time has come to make every possible effort to seek reconciliation and peace, harmony and stability throughout the region so that the refugees return home voluntarily and in security.

Mr Chairman

To achieve their objective, the single most important ~~factor~~ ^{event} is the ^{voluntary} return of Rwandese refugees to their homes in ^{security} ~~justice~~ and with justice. Considering the trauma of genocide that Rwanda has only recently lived through, this is not an easy task. ~~to attain~~. But, it is an objective that ^{needs to be} pursued with determination and commitment by the regional states, the OAU and the international community represented by the UN, UNHCR and its sister agencies. There must be an end to intimidation in the camps so that the refugees are free to exercise their ~~own~~ choice to return. There must be a genuine welcome by the returning refugees as they step back ^{into their homeland} with appropriate guarantees of security ^{justice} and propriety rights. The UN ^{and its agencies} must play ^{their} full part in assuring ^{the} the returning refugees. 

Mr Chairman

The safe return of refugees to their homes is the fundamental base on which the edifice of regional ~~operation~~ stability, harmony and cooperation can be built. With sincerity, dedication and commitment from the international community, I am convinced this objective can be achieved in the near future.

Only a few days ago Mr Chairman, I had the honour of visiting Zaire and Tanzania

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On behalf of the UN Sec-gen I conveyed to the distinguished leaders, the UN's ~~strong~~ support for the early return of refugees to Rwanda. I underlined the need for a combined and synchronised effort between Rwanda, the neighbouring countries hosting the refugees and the United Nations to induce the voluntary return of the refugees. As ~~the~~ co-ercion and tension builds up in the camps, the need to take immediate steps has become all the more urgent.

This combined action requires that the refugees be unshackled from the fear of intimidation in the camps where coercion and militarisation has grown to dangerous proportions. This intimidation which prevents refugees from returning must be controlled and neutralised by the host govt ^{efforts} with the help of the international community.

Simultaneously, in Rwanda, the process of reconciliation at all levels — grass-roots, military, political which has already been set in motion, must be encouraged. Refugees in camps, fearful of revenge and retribution must have their doubts allayed ^{not only} through effective ~~front~~ and guarantees of ~~the~~ ^{author} assurances by the leadership but ~~also~~ through actions at the ground level. In order to provide this safety and security to returning refugees the concept of safety zones, welcome centres and security corridors may be ~~accepted~~ clearly defined and accepted as part of essential confidence building measures.

~~with~~ The United Nations and its agencies are prepared to play their full part in assisting the host country's effort at ~~controlling~~ ^{controlling} intimidation and militarisation in the camps as also in support

confidence building measures in Rwanda (~~in~~ ~~primary~~ ~~security in~~ ~~refugee zones and corridors~~). Along with UNHCR which has a lead role to play with regard to the refugees, UNAMIR is ready in Rwanda to provide security in the safe-zones and - along with its sister agencies - shelter, food and sustenance for returning refugees.

Finally, Rwanda needs to be supported in its efforts to bring justice to its people, to provide them with the basic needs of life, to have law and order, to be given the tools to govern effectively. ~~and~~ ~~(the basic means) to provide the confidence~~ Every day that passes sees an improvement.

in accordance with its mandate to provide security in safe zones and through its sister agencies supply food and assistance for returnee refugees. It ensures the UN can provide every possible assistance in effecting the voluntary return of refugees to their homes in security and dignity.

Before I close, I would like to emphasize that in Rwanda every day that passes sees an improvement in the general conditions prevailing in the country. The security and safety has spread from the Kigali into the towns and villages. There is no curfew anymore in Rwanda. Markets, shops and restaurants have re-opened. People are going back to work in their fields and in the fields. ^{children have gone back to school} ~~There are cereals~~ ^{growing} justice, ~~restoring~~ and ~~illegal occupation of property~~ Today, Rwanda needs the means to implement its own commitments. It needs to provide justice and fair play to its people and particularly to the returnee refugees. The capability to provide housing and lands to the displaced who return after war, years abroad and to ensure that security and order prevail in the pursuit of stability.

^{the UN and particularly UNATC} stand ready to support ~~both its means~~ measures for the early return of refugees to their homes. A return that must be voluntary, safe and with ~~the~~ ^{the} absence of coercion (bargained) from their minds. May your efforts be crowned with success.

I thank you

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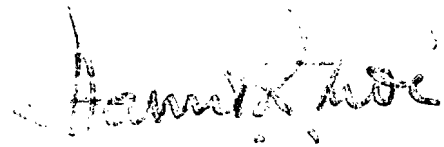
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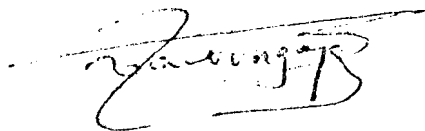
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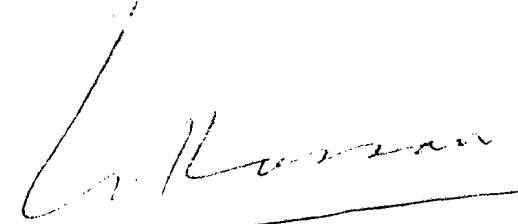


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