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TALKING POINTS



Bilateral Relationship:

- Despite difficult problems, you have brought measure of stability to Rwanda and we wish to continue working with you. Want to reaffirm support for your government's objectives of repatriation, reconciliation, reconstruction and justice.
- Only long-term solution for Rwanda is power-sharing in which all non-genocidist elements can participate. Rwandans must develop this system since no amount of outside assistance can replace consensus among the Rwandan people.

Refugees:

- Continued presence of 1.7 million Rwandan refugees in Zaire and Tanzania is destabilizing and untenable.
- Recognize the security problems camps pose and are preparing to lead an effort with the international community to stimulate voluntary repatriation and camp relocation. This will include moving humanitarian supplies to within Rwanda.
- Will require cooperation of GOR to receive large numbers of returnees. Hope your government will take all necessary steps to protect and welcome them home.
- Large numbers of prisoners in Rwanda, and their conditions, are being used by the extremist Hutus to make refugees fear for safety upon return. Understand your Parliament has yet to pass its draft genocide law. When do you expect this will happen?
- Share concern Tribunal has not moved as quickly as we would like. Hope GOR will cooperate to the fullest extent with the Tribunal, including providing access to witnesses and documents. It is in all our interest to see perpetrators brought to justice.

Burundi:

- Your visit follows Buyoya coup and Arusha II summit of regional leaders that called for extensive sanctions as a "shock therapy" for Bujumbura regime. As sanctions come into

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force, we count on your government's key role in enforcing them. I am interested in your views about the situation.

- Hope you can use ties to Burundian authorities to press need for talks with Hutu insurgents.

If Asked:

- Military Equipment: We will consider requests for acquisition of non-lethal U.S. military equipment by Rwanda on a case-by-case basis. However, we note that our concern about prisons, especially on Capitol Hill, will limit our ability to act.
- IMET: Rwanda is eligible for expanded IMET, but not regular IMET. Serious concerns on Capitol Hill about human rights violations and prison overcrowding. Must pass genocide law.