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OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the communiqué of the Arusha Regional Summit held in the United Republic of Tanzania on 25 June 1996 on the situation in Burundi (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative

Annex

Press communiqué of the Arusha Regional Summit on Burundi issued,
at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, on 25 June 1996

1. At the invitation of President Benjamin Mkapa of the United Republic of Tanzania, Presidents Daniel arap Moi of Kenya, Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, Pasteur Bizimungu of Rwanda and Sylvestre Ntibantunganya of Burundi and the host, met at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, on Tuesday, 25 June 1996, to review the political and security situation in Burundi in particular, and in the Great Lakes Region in general. President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire was represented by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of External Relations, Hon. J. M. Kititwa Tumansi.
2. Also participating in the Regional Summit were the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Meles Zenawi, in his capacity as the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the Prime Minister of Burundi, Antoine Nduwayo, and the OAU Secretary-General, Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim.
3. The Heads of State and Government profoundly regretted that notwithstanding efforts made at the regional, continental and international levels, the situation in Burundi has continued to deteriorate.
4. The Heads of State and Government expressed their deep concern on the deteriorating situation in Burundi, which continues to be characterized by violence and killings causing increasing numbers of internally displaced persons and fleeing refugees into neighbouring countries.
5. The Summit reiterated the responsibility of the leadership in Burundi to restore peace and harmony to the Burundi people and urged the leadership in Burundi to play that role.
6. The Heads of State and Government reaffirmed their commitment to a negotiated peace and resolution in Burundi. In this context the Heads of State and Government affirmed that the national debate should involve all parties and groups.
7. The Summit stressed that a durable settlement must be based on democracy and security for all.
8. In order to move forward the process of negotiations there must be security in the country. In this regard the Summit urged all sides in the conflict to end the violence immediately.
9. With a view to promoting security, the Government of Burundi has requested the countries of the region to provide security assistance. This security assistance is aimed, inter alia, at guaranteeing security for all the people of Burundi.

10. The Heads of State and Government in response to this request by the Government of Burundi have agreed to set up a Technical Committee to be headed by the United Republic of Tanzania to look into the modalities of extending such assistance.

11. The Summit expressed its profound appreciation to Mwalimu Nyerere for his efforts and urged him to continue with those efforts, which enjoy universal support, in the interest of lasting peace and stability.
