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Letter dated 17 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to report to you the progress that is being made by the Governments of Uganda and Rwanda in the demilitarization of Kisangani (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter together with the annex is published and circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 17 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Uganda and Rwanda agree on the way forward

President Yoweri Museveni and President Paul Kagame of Rwanda met on 14 May 2000, in the northern Tanzanian town of Mwanza, under the chairmanship of President Benjamin Mkapa of the United Republic of Tanzania.

At the end of their two-and-a-half hour meeting, President Mkapa told journalists that the meeting had provided the two leaders of Uganda and Rwanda with an opportunity for a real renewal of confidence and trust between them and that they agreed to resolve all obstacles that had led to the clash of their national armies in Kisangani recently.

President Mkapa said that the two leaders reviewed their relationship very candidly and in a very friendly atmosphere. They reaffirmed their commitment to the 8 May declaration on the demilitarization of Kisangani, and in this regard the two leaders agreed to have their army commanders meet on Monday, 15 May 2000 to work out the programme of the full implementation of the declaration.

Presidents Museveni and Kagame also recommitted themselves to the Lusaka Peace Process.

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