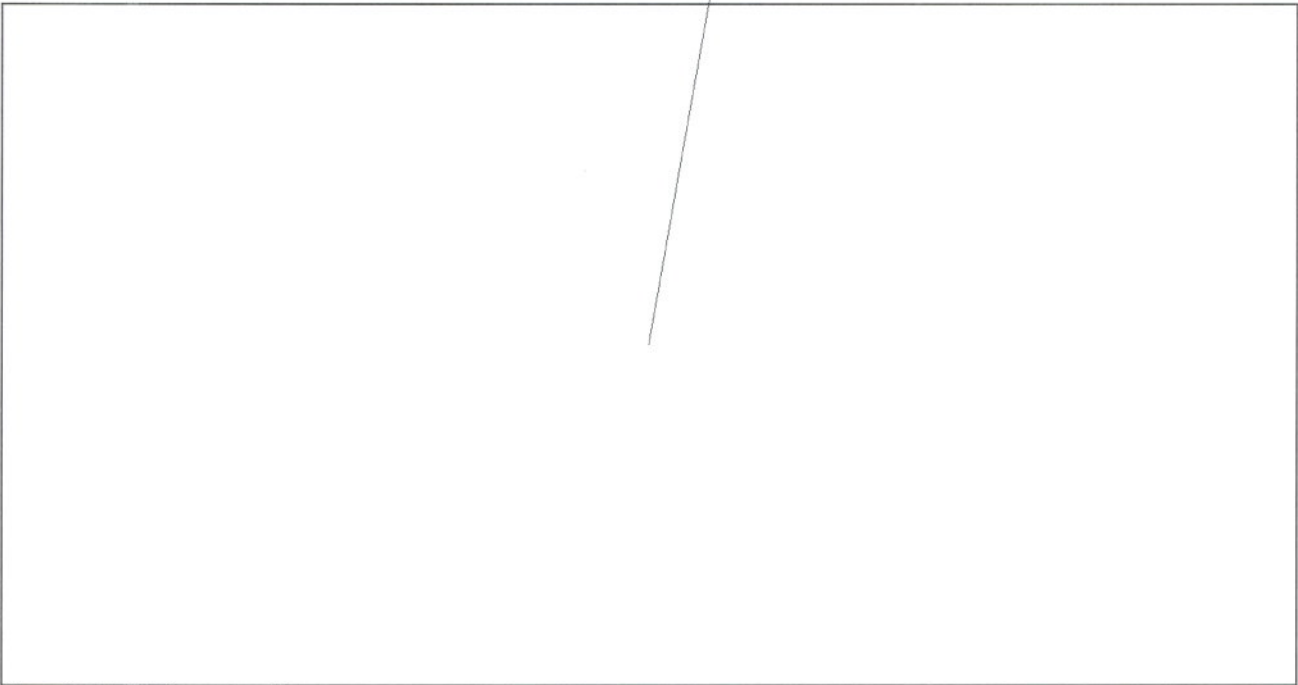


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SUMMARY: (C) FOUR OF THE NINETEEN PARTIES DID NOT SIGN THE ACCORDS AT ARUSHA, TANZANIA. NELSON ((MANDELA)) REPORTEDLY WANTS TO ADDRESS SOME ISSUES IN NEGOTIATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE REMAINDER TO BE IN BURUNDI.

[redacted] (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

SIX BURUNDIAN POLITICAL PARTIES

DID NOT SIGN THE ACCORDS ON 20000828.

[redacted] (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

- A. THE PEOPLES RECONCILIATION PARTY (PRP).
- B. THE COLLECTIVE FOR DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (RADDES).
- C. THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT (ANADDE).
- D. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT PARTY (PSD).
- E. THE INDEPENDENT WORKER'S PARTY (PIT).
- F. THE ALLIANCE OF THE VALIANT (AV-INTWARI).

3. (C) [redacted] TWO OF THE PARTIES SIGNED ON 20000829.

[redacted] (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

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4. (C) [redacted] THE SIX PARTIES DID NOT SIGN BECAUSE THE ACCORDS WERE INCOMPLETE, AND THAT NO CEASE-FIRE WAS IN EFFECT.

[redacted] (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

[redacted] THERE IS A THIRD UNSTATED REASON: THAT BY FORMING AN OPPOSITION THEY WANT TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT AND THE REBELS TO COMPLETE A FULL AGREEMENT.

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[REDACTED]

6. (C) [REDACTED] THE AGREEMENT SIGNED STILL NEEDED FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE CEASE-FIRE, THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM, AND INTEGRATION. THESE AREAS, HE SAID, MANDELA WANTED TO ADDRESS PERSONALLY THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE REMAINDER OF THE ISSUES WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN BURUNDI.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

7. (C) [REDACTED] THE SIGNING OF THE ACCORDS TO BE A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD [REDACTED] THOSE WHO SIGNED DEMONSTRATED THEY WERE ENGAGED IN FINDING PEACE FOR BURUNDI, WHICH WILL LEAD TO RECONCILIATION AND DEVELOPMENT. HE ADDED THAT THOSE PARTIES WHO SIGNED ALSO GAINED CREDIBILITY WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

8. (C) [REDACTED] OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION WILL NOW START TO APPLY SERIOUS PRESSURE ON THE REBELS TO CEASE-FIRE. HE HOPES THAT IF THE REBELS DO NOT CEASE-FIRE, THAT THEY WILL BE TREATED AS OTHER "NEGATIVE ELEMENTS" UNDER THE LUSAKA ACCORDS, SUCH AS THE EX-FAR/INTERAHAMWE.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

9. (C) [REDACTED] ONCE A CEASE-FIRE IS IN EFFECT, BURUNDIAN REFUGEES WILL COME HOME FROM TANZANIA. THIS WOULD TAKE AWAY REAR BASES FOR THE INSURGENTS. IF TANZANIA WOULD ALSO GET SERIOUS ABOUT NOT ALLOWING REBELS TO OPERATE WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES, IT WOULD FORCE THE REBELS TO MOVE THEIR BASES TO CONGO.

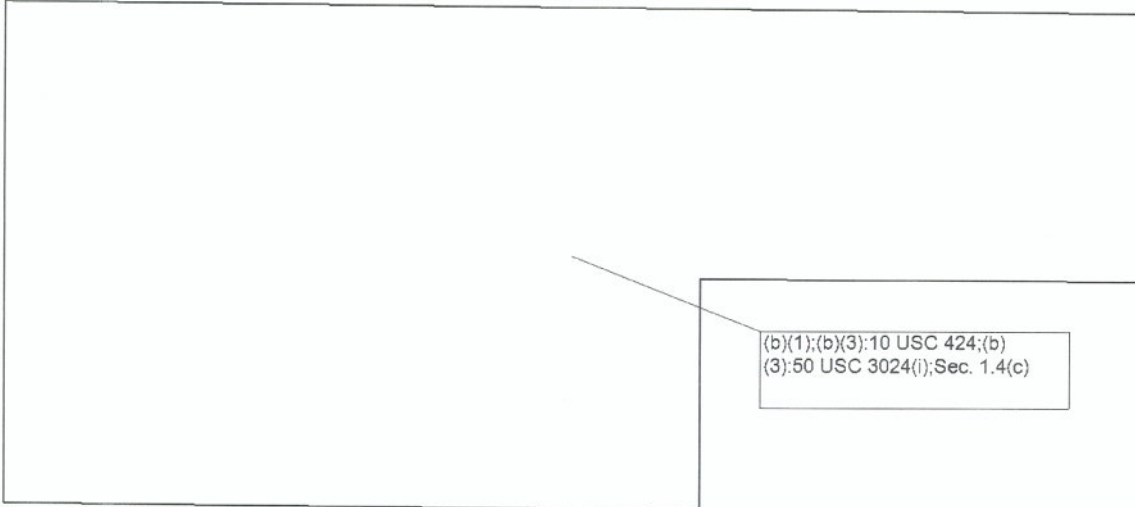
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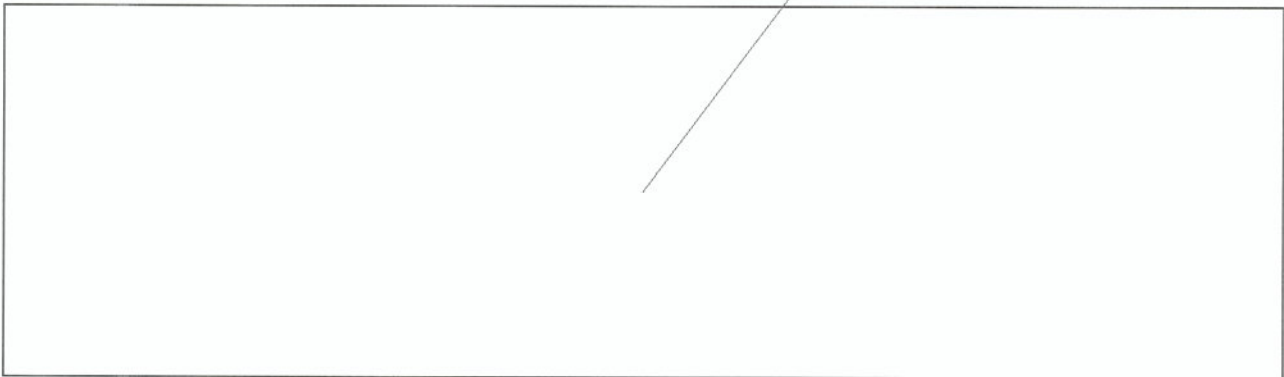
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