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TO THE FRENCH CONSULATE IN TORONTO

We, the members of the Rwandan community in Toronto have been closely following current developments in Rwanda with great concern.

We believe that the current conflict in Rwanda is internal and the Rwandan people are capable of resolving it without any external involvement. The conflict is entirely between the Rwanda people and the military dictatorship in Kigali, which is repressive, murderous, corrupt, irresponsible and morally indefensible. The regime's Human Rights is indeed appalling as Amnesty International testimony indicates. Habyarimana's crimes range from murdering his own people to trafficking in narcotics on the international scene including the streets of Paris and Brussels.

The regime in Kigali has arrogantly denied a large section of its own citizens the right to return home for thirty years. Your government has clearly allied itself not only with a morally indefensible regime, but it is also presently participating in the repression of our people. Your government has no moral justification of sending troops against the people of Rwanda whose only desire is to rid themselves of a repressive regime. It gets to be even more reprehensible in light of the fact that your troops are acting in collaboration with the Zairean army which you recently condemned for massacring defenceless students at Lumbumbashi University (Zaire).

We, therefore, vehemently condemn your government's unjustifiable involvement in the current conflict between the people of Rwanda and Habyarimana's murderous regime. We demand immediate withdrawal of your troops from the Rwandan soil. Your government will be held responsible for any loss of lives in Rwanda including those of your own troops.

ISSUED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE RWANDAN COMMUNITY IN TORONTO.
Toronto, October 10, 1990