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Minister for National Defence
Kigali

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Annex:

Subject: Military cooperation with China.

SECRET

Dear Minister

With reference to message n° 020/16.11.13/92 sent to me on 12 January 1992 by our Ambassador in Beijing following his meeting with Colonel Chen Hong Sheng, Division Manager of the Office responsible for military equipment and military cooperation, a message whereby a copy has been reserved for you, I have the honour of drawing your attention to the availability of the Chinese party to examine a Rwandan request relating to the granting of a substantial long-term loan for the acquisition of Chinese weapons.

Also, I would appreciate it if you would quickly provide a list of weapons that our country could acquire from the Chinese partner in favour of our army, which is currently in combat with the Inyenzi-Inkotanyi.

I would indicate to you that according to our Ambassador, a leak of information as to the last military loan granted to us by China gave rise to complaints from Uganda to the Chinese authorities against this transaction. We inform you that the Rwandan party, now more than ever, must handle similar delicate cases and secrets with the maximum precautions in order to protect their discretion. I would appreciate a quick response to this letter, with a view to enabling us to quickly launch this important military cooperation case.

Dr Casimir Bizimungu
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Simon Insonere
Secretary General

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