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Annex I to ML N° 0053/03.3.2 of 17 Jan 92

POSSIBILITIES OF AIR DEFENCE AND ANTI-AIR DEFENCE RESOURCES

Limits of intervention in altitude (km)

Ranges (km)
Interceptor fighter
Hawk
Roland
30 Bitube
Latta

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MINISTRY FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE
RWANDAN ARMY
STAFF
G3

The national Minister for Defence
Kigali

SUBJECT: Anti-air defence of Rwandan territory

Dear Minister

I have the honour of bringing to your attention the difficulties encountered by the LAA Battalion in the accomplishment of the AA mission following its underperforming weapons.

In fact, AA detachments have twice received the mission of going to Ruhengeri and Rusumo to shoot down the aeroplanes flying over our territory, but have NOT succeeded because these aeroplanes flew beyond the limits of intervention of the LAA Bn. The weapons it has, 37mm bitube canons and 14.5mm AA Mi in this instance, can ONLY cover the low altitude, i.e. below 1,500m from the ground.

To effectively defend the medium altitude (1,500 to 7,500m), they would need other high-performing weapons comparable or equivalent to the French Roland, the possibilities of which are described in annex 1 attached. The approach made during this war and known to the MINADEF services consisted of purchasing the SAM 16 weapons system, which was classified in the "Medium Altitude" range and had the advantage of being fitted onto small vehicles.

This case should gain your usual attention and be integrated into the overall requirements for defence of national territory. It is urgent to acquire firstly a SAM 16 battery comprising 12 launchers and 120 missiles, on the understanding that the smallest Unit of Use is a pack which comprises 4 parts. The technical specifications and the costs of this material are listed in annexes II and III.

Yours faithfully

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