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The Embassy of the Popular Republic of China in the Rwandan Republic presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Rwandan Republic and, with reference to its verbal memo N° 0002/16.00/CAB of January 1992, has the honour of responding in order as follows:

China, which is also a developing country, must address many economic difficulties, notably following the major floods that occurred last year. Taking account of the fact that in 1991 the Chinese Government granted a loan of 50 million RMB Yuans and that the realisation of the three agreed projects requires considerable efforts from us, the Chinese Party is not able to agree to the project for construction of military camps.

But, in consideration of the good cooperation relations between China and Rwanda and the request made in the abovementioned memo, the Chinese Government agrees to grant an interest-free military loan in the sum of one million five hundred thousand American dollars for the purchase of weapons and munitions in China. The loan will be repaid in dollars by the Rwandan Government over a period of six years from January 1st 1998 until December 31st 2003, in instalments of one sixth of the total amount per year. If the Rwandan party accepts this in principle, the Embassy asks the Ministry to send it the list of weapons and munitions required by the Rwandan Army as quickly as possible.

The Embassy of the Popular Republic of China in the Rwandan Republic would like to take this opportunity to reiterate to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Rwandan Republic the assurance of its highest consideration.

Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Kigali

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