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**PRESS RELEASE FROM JEAN-CLAUDE LEFORT  
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Absent from Paris for imperative and exceptional reasons, on my return today I learned that a decision had been made to vote positively for the report of the mission on Rwanda, mission chaired by Paul Quilès.

While I know where this decision was made by my group, on the other hand I do not know why and on what bases it has been made, and I am surprised that, although constantly contactable by telephone where I was, and my entourage knew this, nobody sought my opinion on this matter.

As I have worked on this subject for months, consulted hundreds and hundreds of documents, met with associations and personalities from all backgrounds, I would not have found myself in the positive vote of my communist colleagues, a vote that I respect.

For my part, while I do not deny that this report seeks to progress, it still remains that major points are not clarified. And yet, by definition, these major points are essential.

Also, it must be understood and acted that, for my part, I am abstaining on this report. And it must also be clear that I will shortly be taking other initiatives on this subject.

Jean-Claude Lefort  
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