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NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Alain Destexhe's UNCA Briefing

The Belgian Senator called for an independent investigation of the UN role in the Rwanda genocide.

You should appoint a commission of independent persons, such as Desmond Tutu, which should have access to all UN files and UN staff. If the Council doesn't come on board, your commission should investigate just the Secretariat. //!

Questions to be asked:

- Why was the Council not informed of the 11 January cable?
- Why was Dallaire not allowed to seize the arms caches?
- Why was Dallaire not allowed to testify?
- Why was the genocide not identified as such early on?

He said this was not a campaign against you; he knew you as a decent person. But you might have been surrounded by poor advisers. In 1995, the UN said it had done nothing wrong. Now, Iqbal Riza tells the BBC the UN made mistakes. It's time to set the record straight.

His group is planning a demonstration in Brussels on 5 April for the fifth anniversary of the beginning of the genocide. If there is no action by the UN at that time, they will form a committee to press the UN into acting.

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