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Mr Foreign Minister, Mr Secretary General, Mr President of the Security Council, Excellencies,
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Government and people of Rwanda in seeking to heal and rebuild a nation that is democratic and which has as its overarching vision of economic and social progress for all.

What happened in Rwanda is recognised by the international community as genocide, within the scope of the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide. We are reminded, therefore, on this International Day of Reflection, that we must act in accordance with that Convention, in Rwanda and wherever genocide and other violent acts and atrocities are perpetrated.

Many of those who perpetrated violent acts in Rwanda

it has afforded the organisation the opportunity to confront, head on, the issues that could lead to other tragedies such as the one that occurred in Rwanda.

Today, we are called upon to consider implementing the recommendations of the Carlsson Report, as part of our reflection on the matter of genocide. We must be progressive, I believe, in determining our shortcomings in Rwanda, what we have done since then, and what remains to be done to prevent genocide in the years ahead. Those passionate voices that call in distress to our United Nations in the midst of tragedy must be assured that the United Nations will stand for human rights, for freedom and justice, for peace and security, and that an appropriate response will be forthcoming.

I extend my sincere best wishes the Government and people of Rwanda, on their road to permanent and lasting peace.

I thank you.