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**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL
FOR RWANDA**

CASE NO: ICTR 197

**THE PROSECUTOR
OF THE TRIBUNAL**

AGAINST

**GEORGES HENRI
YVON JOSEPH
RUGGIU**

INDICTMENT

1. The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, pursuant to the authority stipulated in Article 17 of the Statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda ("the Statute of the Tribunal") charges

GEORGES HENRI YVON JOSEPH RUGGIU

with **DIRECT AND PUBLIC INCITEMENT TO COMMIT GENOCIDE**, and **CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY**, both offences stipulated in Articles 2 and 3 of the Statute of the Tribunal, and as set forth below:

2. **THE ACCUSED**

Georges Henri Yvon Joseph RUGGIU was born on 12 October 1957 at Verviers, Belgium. At the time of the events referred to in this indictment, Georges Henri Yvon Joseph RUGGIU was employed as a journalist and broadcaster by Radio Télévision Libre des Mille Collines S.A. and worked for its radio station in Kigali, Rwanda.

3. **CONCISE STATEMENT OF THE FACTS**

3.1. The crimes in this indictment took place in Rwanda between January 1 and December 31 of 1994.

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3.2. During the events referred to in this indictment, Tutsis and Hutus were identified as ethnic or racial groups.

3.3 During the events referred to in this indictment, Belgians were considered to be a national, political, ethnic or racial group.

3.4. During the events referred to in this indictment, there were in Rwanda widespread or systematic attacks directed against a civilian population on national, political, ethnic or racial grounds, including Tutsis certain Hutus and Belgians.

3.5 During the events giving rise to the charges in this indictment, radio broadcasts exercised great influence over the Rwandan population.

3.6. During 1993, the private company Radio Télévision Libre des Mille Collines S.A. and its radio station RTLM were founded. In the latter half of 1993, RTLM began broadcasting from Kigali throughout Rwanda. It continued to broadcast to various parts of Rwanda from Kigali, and other places within the country, until approximately the end of July 1994. Throughout this period RTLM was used to broadcast the ideology and designs of Hutu extremists within Rwanda.

3.7. Georges Henri Yvon Joseph Ruggiu, between in or about the month of January 1994, until in or about the month of July 1994, in his capacity as a journalist and broadcaster, made broadcasts over RTLM. These broadcasts were made in French, however certain terms in Kinyarwanda were also utilised which had a particular meaning in the socio-cultural context of the time.

3.8. The broadcasts made by Georges Henri Yvon Joseph Ruggiu:

- a. incited to kill and/or cause serious bodily and/or mental harm to Tutsis;
- b. persecuted Tutsis, certain Hutus and Belgians.

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4. CHARGES

COUNT 1:

By his acts in relation to the events described in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8, **Georges Henri Yvon Joseph Ruggiu**, did directly and publicly incite to the killing and/or the causing of serious bodily or mental harm to members of the Tutsi population with the intention to destroy, in whole or in part, an ethnic or racial group as such, and has thereby committed **DIRECT AND PUBLIC INCITEMENT TO COMMIT GENOCIDE** stipulated in Article 2(3)(c) of the Statute as a crime, for which he is individually responsible pursuant to Article 6(1), and which is punishable in reference to Articles 22 and 23 of the Statute of the Tribunal.

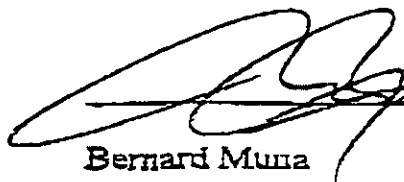
COUNT 2:

By his acts in relation to the events described in paragraphs 3.7 and 3.8, **Georges Henri Yvon Joseph Ruggiu**, did persecute on, political or racial grounds as part of a widespread or systematic attack against a civilian population on national, political, ethnical or racial grounds, and has thereby committed **CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY** stipulated in Article 3(h) of the Statute as a crime, for which he is individually responsible pursuant to Article 6(1), and which is punishable in reference to Articles 22 and 23 of the Statute of the Tribunal.

9 October, 1997

Kigali, Rwanda

The Deputy Prosecutor



Bernard Muna