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PETITIONS CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

Draft 259th Report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. M. RASGOTRA (India)

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Note by the Secretariat: In order to avoid unnecessary duplication of material which has already been circulated in mimeographed form, the present draft report contains only the material to be added to that contained in the Secretariat working paper (T/C.2/L.432) and the draft resolutions. The original material should be considered as forming part of the draft, except where otherwise indicated.]

1. At its 548th and 549th meetings on 10 and 13 June 1960, the Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Belgium, China, India, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, examined the petitions concerning Ruanda-Urundi which are listed in the preceding table of contents.
2. Mr. I. Reisdorff participated in the examination as the Special Representative of the Administering Authority concerned.
3. The Standing Committee submits herewith to the Council its report on these petitions and recommends, in accordance with rule 90, paragraph 6, of the Council's rules of procedure, that the Council decide that no special information is required concerning the action taken on resolutions .....

I. Petition from Mr. Deogratias Ziravuga (T/PET.3/104)

5. The petition was examined and discussed at the 548th and 549th meetings of the Standing Committee (documents T/C.2/SR.548 and 549).

6. At its 549th meeting, the Committee approved by votes to with abstention draft resolution I, annexed to the present report, which it recommends that the Council adopt.

I. Petition from Mr. Deogratias Ziravuga (T/PET.3/104)

The Trusteeship Council,

Having examined, in consultation with Belgium as the Administering Authority concerned, the petition from Mr. Deogratias Ziravuga concerning Ruanda-Urundi (T/PET.3/104, T/OBS.3/26, T/L. ),'

1. Draws the attention of the petitioner to the observations of the Administering Authority;

2. Expresses the hope that arrangements will be made to allow the petitioner to draw at least part of his monthly salary to meet his living expenses.

II. Petition from Messrs. Mtabana Bilalo and Kayombya Musoni, on behalf of Abarozi Africans (T/PET.3/94)

5. The petition was examined and discussed at the 548th and 549th meetings of the Standing Committee (documents T/C.2/SR.548 and 549).
6. The Standing Committee decided to draw the attention of the Trusteeship Council to the general questions raised in this petition and to suggest that the Council take them into account when it examines the conditions in the Territory and the report of the Visiting Mission.
7. At its 549th meeting, the Committee approved by        votes to        with abstention draft resolution II, annexed to the present report, which it recommends that the Council adopt.

II. Petition from Messrs. Mtabana Bilalo and Kayombya Musoni, on behalf of Abarozi Africans (T/PET.3/94)

The Trusteeship Council,

Having examined, in consultation with Belgium as the Administering Authority concerned, the petition from Messrs. Mtabana Bilalo and Kayombya Musoni, on behalf of Abarozi Africans, concerning Ruanda-Urundi (T/PET.3/94, T/OBS.3/25, T/L.        ),

1. Draws the attention of the petitioners to the observations of the Administering Authority, to the report of the 1960 Visiting Mission and to the recommendations of the Trusteeship Council on general problems such as the provision of medical services, education and election of members of District Councils;
2. Notes with satisfaction the assurance given by the Administering Authority with regard to the abolition of corporal punishment in the Territory;
3. Recommends to the Administering Authority that it make all possible efforts to publicize the observations and recommendations of the Trusteeship Council relating to the Territory;
4. Draws the attention of the Administering Authority to the just requests of the petitioners so that the Administering Authority may liquidate the shortcomings in the different fields mentioned in this petition.

III. Petitions from Abadahemuka of Uganda; Mr. Julius Nyerere, Chairman of the Pan African Movement for Freedom in East and Central Africa (PAMFECA); the "Union nationale rwandaise" (UNAR); the League for the Rights of Man in Ruanda-Urundi; Banyaruanda and Barundi of Uganda; Messrs. K.S. Ntauruhunga and B.K. Kavutse, on behalf of all Banyaruanda in Kigezi, Uganda; Messrs. Kayihura, Bagirishya, Mungarurire and Rwangombwa; the "Union des Abarozi Africains du Ruanda-Urundi" (UAARU); the "Congrès national constitutif du Mouvement populaire du Maroc"; Mr. B.K. Kavutse; the pupils of Machine Operators' Class No. 9, "Artur Becker" Training School, Wolfen, Germany; Banyaruanda students at Elisabethville; and Abanyaruanda (T/PET.3/94, 95, 96 and Add.1, 97 and Add.1, 98-102, 103 and Add.1, 105-114)

75. These petitions were discussed at the 549th meeting of the Standing Committee (document T/C.2/SR.549).

76. Considering that these petitions deal with matters which have been investigated and reported on by the United Nations Visiting Mission to East Africa, 1960, the Standing Committee decided to recommend to the Trusteeship Council that it take into account these petitions when it examines the conditions in the Territory and the report of the Visiting Mission.

77. The Standing Committee further recommends that the petitioners be furnished with the report of the Visiting Mission and other relevant records of the debates in the Council concerning Ruanda-Urundi including the Council's recommendations concerning that Territory.

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