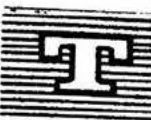


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PETITION CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF RUANDA-URUNDI

245th report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. N. Rasgotra (India)

1. At its 531st and 532nd meetings on 5 and 8 February 1960, the Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Belgium, China, France, India, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, resumed its consideration of a petition from Mr. Mathias Rugurika (T/PET.3/87) in accordance with Trusteeship Council resolution 1957 (XXIV).
2. In compliance with paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned resolution, the representative of the Administering Authority informed the Standing Committee:  
(a) that the order prohibiting Mr. Rugurika from residing in the Buyenzi Chiefdom (and not Muyenzi as wrongfully spelt in records of the earlier examination of this petition) is being kept under review; (b) that it had in fact been suspended for two months to allow Mr. Rugurika to come to Buyenzi and settle his affairs but that, although the latter had taken advantage of this suspension to come to Buyenzi, he still refused to conform to judicial and administrative decisions; and (c) that, such being the case, the Administering Authority is not in a position at the moment to rescind the order against Mr. Rugurika.
3. The representative of the Administering Authority reiterated the statement made in the Standing Committee during the twenty-fourth session of the Council that Mr. Rugurika was at full liberty to reside in the Chiefdom from which he originally came in Muramvya District, and in fact was doing so at the time. He

pointed out, moreover, that Mr. Rugurika had occupied certain lands in Buyenzi in his capacity as sub-chief but that he could not claim any right to them under customary law.

4. At its 532nd meeting, the Committee approved by five votes to none with one abstention the draft resolution annexed to the present report, which it recommends that the Council adopt.

Annex

The Trusteeship Council,

Having resumed consideration of the petition from Mr. Mathias Rugurika concerning Ruanda-Urundi, in consultation with Belgium as the Administering Authority concerned (T/PET.3/87, T/OBS.3/20, T/L.913, resolution 1957 (XXIV), T/L.961),

1. Draws the attention of the petitioner to the further statements of the representative of the Administering Authority;

2. Notes that the order prohibiting Mr. Rugurika from residing in the Buyenzi Chiefdom is being kept under review, and also the statement of the Administering Authority that the Trusteeship Council will be informed of any new developments in the matter.

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