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PETITION FROM MR. SHAURI MAHMUDU
CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

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The Honourable United Nations
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Usumbura, Ruanda-Urundi
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Buyenzi, Usumbura,
6th October, 1957

The Honourables,

I am here summarising my first letter handed to you while first arrived here last month. To start with am informing you that due to my accusation's letter that I was ill-treated by my Government, that is to say your rules of the 10th December, 1948 are not followed here at all then I had to follow to what I was ordered to do.

I am sure that you do remember that I have served under this Government for twenty years and for that way I had the right to be one of those Government Members but up to now am not considered as a man who served under the Government for such a period and I haven't any voice in the Government affairs in what so ever and how so ever the case may be.

Another point is that when I was sacked from the service I could not bear the matter, then I had to go to Bukavu on the 19th March, 1953 to Mr. Mahaba Alexander so that he may write me a letter to Chamber of Members in Belgium but he asked me the sume of Frs. 2,500, then I agreed; at that moment I gave him 500 Frs. therefore, I left all my letters and at the same time he gave me a receipt for the money which he received and I have got that receipt up to now if at all you want to see it for the reference. By then when I returned to Usumbura for trying to find some money, then it was impossible for me to get due to the feeding of my family and other

necessities of a man who is staying jobless then I had nothing again to do except leaving all the matter as they were and wait for his final decision but since that time up to now no result had occurred.

In your article No.11 of General Assembly which state about human being rights, am sure it says that "Nobody is allowed to be tried secretly, then why my Ingineur had tried me secretly until the Government came to agree with judgement without asking me anything? and they took me off from the service without any special reasons. Its true that it is no good to trouble your father but how can a child gets Education and his rights if his parents didn't do for him? then by now I know that, the Government is always like the father of the family then its up to any Government to llock after his citizens in such a way that all the people get their rights and at the same time are satisfied. I think you have forgotten to bring us a book which will show us who are the real citizens and who are not citizens moreover those who should get protection from the Government.

During my early days I followed my studies in the Government School but I could not get any profit until when the Government employed me in their service until I completed the period of twenty years with small salary which was sufficient at all, moreover during my service with the Government no leave had been granted to me, they promised me that they wont give a leave until I become a long Service Man, then when I reached to that extent, they sacked me from the service with unknown reasons.

I beg your bardon dear honourables, I am sure that there will be any obligation then to help me because there is no another sauce then you. Hoping that my letter will be taken into your consideration in every respect.

Thanking you, for any communication you may do for me,

Your Obedient Servant

(Signed) Shauri Mahamudu
