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TWO PETITIONS FROM HIS HIGHNESS KIGELI V, MWAMI OF RUANDA
CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

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I

Léopoldville, 27 October 1960

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Protest strongly against installation Ruanda provisional government based on communal elections prefabricated by Belgian Government against background terror military occupation that has lasted eleven months despite recommendations United Nations Visiting Mission and Trusteeship Council. Denounce appalling number acts inhuman brutality against Ruanda population by Belgian soldiers causing exodus thousands families to Kivu Uganda Tanganyika. Alert United Nations to genocide perpetrated by Belgian administration counter to aims trusteeship. Urgently appeal United Nations for help thousands destitute refugees. Confirm memorandum sent to you 15 July 1960.^{1/} Request favour of being heard^{2/} by United Nations Assembly on situation Ruanda-Urundi call for immediate departure Belgian troops replacement by UN to prevent situation similar former Belgian Congo.

^{1/} See T/PET.3/L.39 and L.57 for two previous communications dated 16 June and 10 August 1960.

^{2/} See A/C.4/444/Add.4.

II

Léopoldville, 28 October 1960

H.M. Kigeli V, Mwami of Rwanda, has addressed the following protest to H.M. King Baudouin, King of the Belgians, and Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations:

Considering that order is gravely disturbed in Rwanda and that the trusteeship Power, far from re-establishing it, is lending its help to the elements of disorder in order to consolidate its own position under cover of a pseudo-democratic regime which is in its pay.

Considering that, contrary to the undertakings given, the trusteeship Power is deliberately undermining the political and social organization of Rwanda and is embarking upon a systematic policy of supplanting the country's cadres and élite: that evidence of this is provided by the Belgian officials and agents whose number has risen by 50 per cent in recent months quite apart from the greater increase in the number of Belgian troops.

Considering that a policy of this kind cannot lead to independence and that its principal aim is to maintain Belgian trusteeship indefinitely.

Considering that the protection of property and the freedom of individuals is no longer being assured by the trusteeship Power and that 60,000 refugees have been forced to leave their territory to seek refuge in Kivu (former Belgian Congo), Uganda and Tanganyika Territory: that the exodus is taking place with the encouragement of the public authorities.

H.M. Mwami Kigeli V, lawful sovereign, addresses a solemn protest to H.M. King Baudouin, King of the Belgians, and requests immediate intervention by the United Nations:

(1) For the restoration of order and democratic freedoms, protection of individuals and property: elimination of concentration camps.

(2) For the grant of subsidies to meet accommodation costs and immediate needs of the refugee population in Kivu, Uganda and Tanganyika.

(3) Thanks the authorities of the Republic of the Congo, and particularly the authorities of Kivu, Uganda and Tanganyika, for the practical sympathy shown to the refugees in these critical circumstances.