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PETITION FROM ABANYARWANDA NA BARUNDI ABADAHEMUKA
CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

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ABANYARWANDA NA BARUNDI (ASSOCIATION)

ABADAHEMUKA,
P.O. BOX 30527,
KAMPALA,
UGANDA.

5th February, 1961.

The Secretary General U.N.O.,
The Chairman and Members of the
Trusteeship Council of U.N.O.,
U.N.O. Headquarters,
NEW YORK.

Gentlemen,

RESOLUTION PASSED BY BANYARWANDA AND BARUNDI
IN UGANDA

We, the Abadahemuka (an Association of about a million Banyarwanda and Barundi living in Uganda, meeting in Kampala on this 5th day of February, 1961, wish to affirm our love and loyalty to the monarchy, and the present Umwami, of Ruanda, Kigeri V.

We vigorously and in the strongest terms denounce the Belgian colonialist conspiracy to depose the Umwami of Ruanda and declare the country a republic.

We absolutely refuse to recognize the present provisional government of Ruanda which has been hand-picked by the Belgian Administration, and cannot therefore claim to represent the will of the people as it has not been elected by them and consequently has no right to decide the political destiny of the Ruanda Kingdom.

We are in full agreement with the letter and the spirit of the recent resolution of the General Assembly on Ruanda-Urundi which, among other things, stated that a commission of the United Nations should visit Ruanda-Urundi and make a report to the General Assembly sitting in March this year, after which the Assembly should fix a date for national general elections in Ruanda to be supervised by the United Nations; and that the Umwami should return to Ruanda with all his powers until a national referendum on monarchy in Ruanda and the Actual Umwami himself should be held.

We are very much surprised that the Belgian imperialists and their stooges who claim that they have an overwhelming majority in Ruanda should be afraid of democratically held national elections supervised by the United Nations, and the referendum regarding monarchy and the present Umwami of Ruanda, since, if what they claim is true, their wishes would be easily but democratically justified. Obviously, however, their fears indicate to the unbiased world that what they claim is not the truth, but that they are trying to cover their own colonialist manoeuvres.

We urgently request the United Nations to assert their authority and to see to it that their resolution is carried out, and that Belgian Administration in Ruanda-Urundi, which is causing chaos and untold misery, should be terminated at the earliest possible date.

Signed for and on behalf of the Abadahemuka

(Signed) Emmanuel KIRENGA, Publicity Secretary.