

the arrangements for the elections can be completed under the supervision of the United Nations;

8. *Decides* to set up a United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi, composed of three members, who will be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Commission;

9. *Requests* the Commission to proceed immediately to Ruanda-Urundi to perform the following tasks on behalf of the United Nations:

(a) To supervise the elections to be held in Ruanda-Urundi in 1961 on the basis of direct, universal adult suffrage, and the preparatory measures preceding them, such as the compilation of the electoral rolls, the conduct of the election campaign and the organization of a system of balloting which will ensure complete secrecy;

(b) To attend, as United Nations observers, the political conference envisaged in paragraph 4 above and the round-table conference to be convened after the elections to determine the future evolution of the Territory towards independence;

(c) To follow the progress of events in the Territory before and after the elections, to lend its advice and assistance, as appropriate, with a view to advancing peace and harmony in Ruanda-Urundi, and to report to the Trusteeship Council or the General Assembly, as necessary;

10. *Requests* the Commission to submit an interim report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its resumed fifteenth session;

11. *Endorses* the observation of the Trusteeship Council that, in view of the essential community of interests and the facts of history and geography, the best future for Ruanda-Urundi lies in the evolution of a single, united and composite State, with such arrangements for the internal autonomy of Ruanda and Urundi as may be agreed upon by their representatives.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

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*At its 960th plenary meeting on 20 December 1960, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fourth Committee,<sup>33</sup> appointed the members of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi.*

*The Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Max Dorcinville (Haiti), Chairman, Mr. Majid Rahnema (Iran) and Mr. Ernest Gassou (Togo).*

## 1580 (XV). Question of the Mwami

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that a division of opinion has arisen in Ruanda-Urundi with regard to the institution of monarchy and with regard to the person of the present Mwami of Ruanda,

*Considering further* that such a situation poses a constitutional question of far-reaching importance which should be settled in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the people of the Territory,

*Noting* that, on several occasions, the Mwami has stated his desire to be a democratic and constitutional sovereign,

*Noting further* that the Mwami of Ruanda, in a memorandum to the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1960, has accepted the idea of a referendum to decide this question,

*Having perused* the statement of the Mwami to the Fourth Committee,<sup>34</sup>

1. *Notes with regret* that the Administering Authority has arbitrarily suspended the powers of the Mwami of Ruanda and has not allowed him to return to Ruanda to resume his duties as Mwami;

2. *Requests* the Administering Authority to revoke the measures adopted by it to suspend the powers of the Mwami, and to facilitate his return to Ruanda to enable him to function as Mwami pending the ascertainment of the wishes of the people on this question;

3. *Decides* that a referendum should be held under the supervision of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi established under General Assembly resolution 1579 (XV) of 20 December 1960, in order to ascertain the wishes of the people concerning the institution of the Mwami, and if necessary, the present Mwami of Ruanda;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi, after studying the situation on the spot, to submit to the General Assembly, at its resumed fifteenth session, recommendations concerning the timing of the referendum and the questions to be put therein.

*960th plenary meeting,  
20 December 1960.*

<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/4672, para. 25.

<sup>34</sup> *Ibid.*, document A/C.4/467.