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QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF RUANDA-URUNDI

Report of the Special Amnesty Commission for Ruanda-Urundi  
set up under operative paragraph 9 (b) of General  
Assembly resolution 1605 (XV)

Madam Chairman,-

Allow me first of all to express my country's thanks to the General Assembly for having asked Canada to participate as a member of the Special Amnesty Commission for Ruanda-Urundi. In my capacity as representative of Canada I had the privilege of having as my colleagues Messrs. Antonio Houaiss of Brazil and Ahmed Ben Arfa of Tunisia. Their high sense of responsibility, the manner in which they applied themselves to the consideration of so difficult a problem as that of amnesty, and their devotion to the United Nations cause have greatly contributed to the success of our mission. On behalf of my colleagues and myself I would also like to say how indebted we are to Mr. Stefan Landau for his tireless efforts as Secretary of the Commission.

As you know, Madam Chairman, our Commission was set up by resolution 1605 (XV) adopted by the General Assembly at its 994th Plenary Meeting held on April 21, 1961. Besides defining once again the mandate of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi, appointed under General Assembly resolution 1579 (XV) of December 20, 1960, resolution 1605 (XV) referred in operative paragraph 9 to the question of amnesty in the following terms: