

Second, what can the United Nations do now to ensure that independence will come about in the best possible conditions? This involves the question of unity, of maintenance of law and order, national reconciliation, encouragement of close economic collaboration, technical assistance and re-settlement of the refugees.

Third, what machinery should be set up to undertake these tasks?

Fourth, should a date be fixed now for the independence of Ruanda-Urundi, and if so, when?

## II

### Validation of the Elections

The report of the United Nations Commission for Ruanda-Urundi pays a deserved tribute to the cooperative attitude shown by Belgium and the desire and determination of the new Belgian Government to do its utmost to implement Resolution 1605 (XV). As the report notes, the Belgian authorities displayed a general willingness to appreciate what was aimed at in that resolution, and to act in a spirit of comprehension and sincere cooperation which earned the Commission's gratitude.

I would like to assure the distinguished Foreign Minister of Belgium that we are grateful to the Administering Authority for what has been done to carry out loyally the Assembly's recommendations and we are deeply appreciative of his personal efforts.

There is no problem as regards the elections in Burundi. The United Nations Commission is of the view that whatever shortcomings existed in the electoral law, these did not have the effect of distorting the expressed will of the people who were able to express their opinion freely and calmly.