

RAPPORT CONJOINT.-

La Mission Ugandaise de commerce et de bonne volonté d'une part, et la délégation rwandaise d'autre part, après avoir discuté des problèmes concernant le commerce et le transport.

I.- se sont mises d'accord sur les points suivants:

1° Promotion du commerce.

- Vaccins

L'Uganda admet la possibilité d'importer les vaccins du Rwanda, spécialement le serum antivénimeux pour autant que les prix soient compétitifs et les produits soient conformes aux normes internationales.

- Radio et appareils électroniques et cigares

La délégation ugandaise prend note du désir du Rwanda d'exporter des postes de radios et d'autres appareils électroniques en Uganda et pense qu'il existe certaines possibilités dans ce domaine.

La délégation rwandaise prend acte du fait qu'il est difficile pour le Gouvernement Ugandais de modifier les droits de douane existants dans les circonstances actuelles.

Les mêmes observations sont faites à propos des cigares.

- Insecticides.

Les deux délégations croient que le Rwanda sera capable d'exporter les insecticides en Uganda dans des conditions compétitives.

2° Le Commerce frontalier.

Les deux délégations se sont mises d'accord pour la signature du projet d'accord de 1964.

En ce qui concerne le commerce frontalier elles croient que la question devrait être rediscuté ultérieurement en vue de signer un protocole à l'accord douanier.

REPORT ON THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE
UGANDA GOODWILL/TRADE MISSION AND THE
RWANDA DELEGATION, HELD ON 6.5.69:-

After discussion of commercial and transport problems the two Delegations agreed on a certain number of points as follows:-

1. Trade Promotion:-

Vaccine - Uganda sees the possibility of importing vaccines from Rwanda, especially anti-snake serum, provided the prices are competitive and the products conform to international standards.

Radios, and other electronic instruments, and cigars - the Uganda Delegation took note of Rwandas desire to export radios and other electronic instruments to Uganda and thought that there could be possibilities in this field. The Rwanda Delegation took note that under the present state of affairs it was difficult for the Uganda Government to modify the price/tariff structure; the same observations were made regarding cigars.

Insecticides - the two Delegations believed that Rwanda was capable of exporting insecticides to Uganda under competitive prices.

2. Border Trade:-

The two Delegations agreed that the Draft Customs Agreement of 1964 should be signed. It was also felt that the matter regarding frontier trade should be further discussed with a view to signing a protocol to the Customs Convention.

3. Rwandas association with the East African Community - As regards the principle of Rwandas association with the East African Community, Uganda had no objection. Negotiations were a matter for the three East African partner states. The two delegations considered the importance for the neighbouring countries of the development of an industrial pole, using the Lake Kivu's methyl gas. The two Delegations wished to study the possibility of using this the fields of co-operation.

4. Transportation:-

The two Delegations dealt with the question of transportation between the two respective countries. They regretted the lack of regular merchandise transport between Rwanda and Uganda and the hardship this imposed on small exporters.

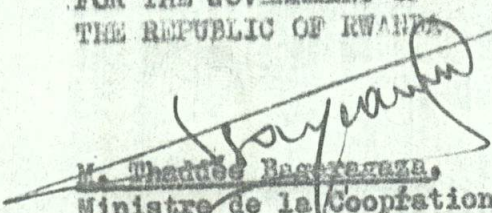
The two Delegations wished to reinforce transit trade through Rwanda to Zambia, from Uganda, when the roads would be improved.

The two delegations recommended as follows:-

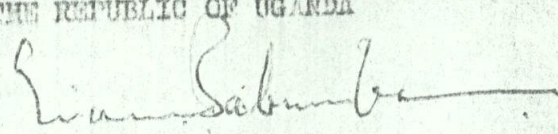
1. That Rwanda diversify if possible the manufacture of vaccine and among others the production of anti-snake serum.
2. That the Butare Laboratory make contact with the Uganda importers of vaccin.
3. That Uganda studies with the other Customs authorities in East Africa the possibility of introducing an official sub-heading in the East African Tarrif concerning cigars of low value and the possibility of introducing lower Customs Duty on them.
4. That there should be frequent exchanges of views between the respective authorities regarding Lake Kivu Project.
5. That the two countries consider the establishment of regular road routes for the transport of merchandise between Kampala and Kigali at fixed rates so as to protect the small exporter.

Endorsed and signed at Kigali on eighth May, 1969.

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