

UNITED STATES AND BELGIAN RIGHTS IN RUANDA-URUNDI

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*Obsolete*¹

43 Stat. 1863; Treaty Series 704

TREATY WITH BELGIUM CONCERNING HER MANDATE OVER THE TERRITORY OF RUANDA-URUNDI

Whereas by article 119 of the Treaty of Peace signed at Versailles the 28th of June 1919,² Germany renounced in favor of the Principal Allied and Associated Powers all her rights and titles over her oversea possessions; and

Whereas by article 22 of the same instrument it was provided that certain territories, which as a result of the war had ceased to be under the sovereignty of the States which formerly governed them, should be placed under the mandate of another Power, and that the terms of the mandate should be explicitly defined in each case by the Council of the League of Nations; and

Whereas the benefits accruing to the United States under the aforesaid Article 119 of the Treaty of Versailles were confirmed by the Treaty between the United States and Germany, signed on August 25, 1921,³ to restore friendly relations between the two nations; and

Whereas four of the Principal Allied and Associated Powers, to wit: the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, agreed that the King of the Belgians should exercise the mandate for part of the former Colony of German East Africa; and

¹ On Dec. 13, 1946, the U.N. General Assembly approved a trusteeship agreement placing the territory of Ruanda-Urundi under United Nations trusteeship. That trusteeship was terminated July 1, 1962, the date on which Rwanda and Burundi attained independence.

² *Ante*, vol. 2, p. 43.

³ TS 658, *post*, GERMANY.