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Motion: nomination of Travel Destination spring 2020

Dear board,

On Tuesday the 24th of February during the second travel meeting UF members decided that the destination for the UF trip this semester will be Rwanda!

During the decision-making process, we discussed four different destinations, brought up at the first meeting. These were: Rwanda, Turkey, Jordan and Israel/Palestine. We voted in two rounds. The second vote being between the two finalists Rwanda and Israel/Palestine. Participants at the meeting had time to discuss and present arguments for each destination before each vote. The main arguments presented for choosing Rwanda was 1) a country seldom covered by western media, 2) learning more about post-colonialisation and post-conflict 3) the fast economic development since the genocide in -94 and the authocratic regime of Paul Kagame.

I believe that the trip to Rwanda will be very rewarding to our members and that there are many interesting topics to cover! Some of them are economic-democratic development, international aid and Chinese investments in Rwanda and women in power. It would be fascinating to meet Kvinna till Kvinna, the African Union, UNHCR working with refugees from DRC and Burundi amongst others. Other activities could include visiting a coffee plantation, hiking up volcanos and partaking in traditional ceremonies with music and dancing. We have also been in contact with the Rwandan ambassador to the Nordic countries, who held an UF-lecture in May 2019 and who is eager to help us with the planning. Travelling to the destination will cost around 4000-5000 SEK, which is quite a lot. But the general price level in the country will seem affordable to anyone living in Uppsala.

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May the board decide to

accept Rwanda as the destination for the UF Travel Group in the spring of 2020?

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