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PETITION FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BAMENDA NKWE PEOPLE
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 21 November 1952 from the Representatives of the Bamenda Nkwe People concerning the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under British administration.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa.

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The Secretary i/c,
U.N.O. Party on Tour,
Bamenda.

Bamenda Nkwe Village,
Bamenda Division,
Bamenda Province,
21st November, 1952

Sir,

Report on the Bamenda Station

We the Bamenda Nkwe people have long been writing to get back our Station Taxes which was by a mistake misdirected to another Federation. We gave land on which the Bamenda Station is now. The Germans when they were still in this Station, they gave us our due respect as Landlords and allowed us to collect taxes which is the right of any Nation to collect taxes from her own people.

The distance from our village to the Station is only one mile and the Administrative Authorities are sending the taxes to a distance of about sixteen miles which is very wrong. A greater part of this our land is occupied with Forest trees and the money collected from these is being sent to somewhere and no rents are being paid for the land, why?

The Hausas who are in the Abakpa Town were being sent to one part of our land and it was due to the first District Officer who entered the Station that ordered them to leave the place they were formerly to the present spot - Abakpa Town. They were our people.

We hope, and trust the U.N.O. being the father of the Nations will see into this matter and let us have an effective reply. Please see the names of the Quarters Heads below:-

We thank you all.

Aze of Mbeso Quarter - (signed)	AZE	Tita of Bejong	- Thumb print
Abongwa of Menka " - "	ABONGWA	Ndiforyen of Kizaha	- " "
Muma Zeh of Achaman - Thumb print		John Ako of New Town	- " "
Numfor of Meta - " "		The Chief of Manda Fosuh - (signed)	
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Received at United Nations Headquarters: 10 March 1953
