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PETITION FROM THE MOUATABA PENJA COMMITTEE CONCERNING  
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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PETITION

The Secretary-General of the United Nations,  
New York

Sir,

I have the honour to bring the following to your attention:

Ever since 22 May 1955, French colonialists have murdered the indigenous inhabitants of the Cameroons for the sole reason that they demand the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons. The fighting broke out in the following centres: Mbanga, Loum, Nkongsamba, Douala, Yaoundé, Bamiléké, etc. During the course of the fighting people have been killed, wounded, or imprisoned, the privacy of the homes of the leaders and responsible members of our progressive Cameroonian movements have been violated. Most persons who sought refuge in the forests have suffered the consequences of their action; they are ill and there is no place to which they can apply for medical aid.

Some days later, the French colonialists announced the end of the fighting and yet they are still murdering our Cameroonian brothers and sisters and have taken other arrested persons to places unknown to us. Throughout the Cameroons the Cameroonian people are overcome by grief.

We are complaining about these savage people and ask you to come to our assistance and help us to escape from the clutches of these cruel French colonists who have exploited us for too long. Unless you do this as soon as possible you will not find one real Cameroonian left in the Cameroons.

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We therefore request the following:

1. The immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons.
2. The abolition of the two governments in the Cameroons.
3. The setting up of a Cameroonian government.
4. The termination of the Trusteeship Agreements after the government has been constituted.
5. That the warrants for arrest issued against our brothers should be revoked.
6. That a protest be made against the intervention of French citizens in the Cameroonian question.

Long live peace!

Long live the United Nations!

Long live the Cameroons, independent and united!

We have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) TIBOUTCHI Jean  
Chairman

Penja in the Maquis<sup>1/</sup>  
for the Committee of the  
Mouataba

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L/ Note by the Secretariat: This communication was sent from Kumba, Cameroons under British Administration.