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DU CAMEROUN" CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN

Cameroons Division of the Rassemblement démocratique africain

DOUALA

Paris, 17 January 1955

Nô. 25/TST UPC/BCD

Subject:

Deposit of the statutes of the UPC

To: The Secretary-General of the  
United Nations, New York

1 Enclosure

Sir,

I have the honour to send you herewith a copy of the letter I am today sending to her Britannic Majesty's Commissioner of the Cameroons under British administration in order to effect the official deposit of the statutes of the Union des populations du Cameroun.

I hope you will take note of this action, which is in the nature of an official step to indicate the universal character of our movement, many committees of which are already operating in that part of our country.

I have the honour to be, etc.

While in Paris c/o Maître Pierre Braun,  
91 Avenue des Ternes, Paris  
(XVIIème)

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General Secretary of the Union  
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PARIS, 17 January 1955

To: H.E. the Commission for  
the Trust Territory of  
the Cameroons under  
British administration,  
BUEA

Deposit of the statutes of the UPC

3 enclosures

Sir,

I have the honour to send you herewith three copies in English of the statutes of the Union des populations du Cameroun.

The Union des populations du Cameroun is a mass political movement, the purposes of which are defined in article 1 of the enclosed statutes. It is now, with other political organizations in both Cameroons, the major movement demanding the unification of the Cameroons and the independence of the united Territory.

The Union des populations du Cameroun has already taken part in many political activities (congresses, election campaigns, issuing statements, and the like, in the Territory of the Cameroons under British administration.

Although it has its own local organizations, the Union des populations du Cameroun has always felt that it was its duty to work side by side with the Kamerun United National Congress, later the Kamerun National Congress (KNC). Our movement is continuing its policy of alliance with the KNC and with all parties and movements in the Cameroons under British administration which are in favour of the unification and independence of the Cameroons.

However, the development of the UPC in the part of the Cameroons under your administration and present political trends compel us to place our movement on an official basis. I have therefore taken the liberty of sending you the enclosed statutes, for the purpose of officially depositing them and having the Union des populations du Cameroun registered in the Territory as a legal party.

As I left the Territory two and a half months ago, I am not able to give you the names of our representatives who are living in the Cameroons under British administration; but I am already in a position to tell you that representatives of the UPC will shortly be visiting Buea to introduce themselves to you and possibly to receive any instructions you may consider necessary with regard to the procedure for officially registering a movement under the laws in force in the Cameroons under British administration.

For your information, I have already visited the Cameroons under British administration, and at the last session of the General Assembly I paid a tribute to the courteous welcome I was given by the British authorities at Kumba and Victoria. It is my hope that you will give instructions for this atmosphere of understanding to be maintained.

With regard to the stipulation in article 24, paragraph (b), concerning public subscriptions, this refers to the voluntary contribution made by UPC members towards the support of the movement. These contributions have nothing in common with such public collections as would require a permit from the public authorities.

With regard to article 31, its provisions equally apply to Her Majesty's laws. However, the Executive Committee of the UPC has adopted an interpretative resolution on that point, which will be sent to you shortly.

The Executive of the UPC is of course at your entire disposal and will be happy to give any additional explanation you may require.

Correspondence should be addressed to the headquarters of the Union des populations du Cameroun, Post Office Box 22, Douala-New Bell.

Thanking you in anticipation, I have the honour to be, etc.

Ruben UM NYOBE

General Secretary of the  
Union des Populations du Cameroun,  
on mission at Paris

Copy sent to the Secretary-General  
of the United Nations, New York;  
for information.

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