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## COMMUNICATION FROM CHIEF ANDRE BIMAI CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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BIMAI André

Paramount chief of the  
foreigners at Edéa,  
Cameroons

Edéa, 18 July 1953

To the Chairman of the  
Fourth Committee  
c/o the Secretary-General

Sir,

May I respectfully draw your attention to the following case.

In November 1952, when the Visiting Mission came to the Cameroons, they noted that the Cameroons was represented by two (2) recognized movements:

1. ESOCAM, Cameroonian Social Development, (Evolution sociale camerounaise), a movement established by the indigenous inhabitants of the country and not linked to any metropolitan movement; 2. UPC, Union of the Peoples of the Cameroons, which is linked to the RDA; last year the RDA was granted a hearing by the United Nations. The Edéa section of ESOCAM requests you to allow ESOCAM to send a delegation to the forthcoming session of the Committee which deals with questions concerning the Cameroons in order (a) to confirm orally the many proposals that our movement made to the members of the Visiting Missions to the Cameroons in 1949 and 1952; (b) to outline the desires of men and women of the Cameroons regarding the development of their country; and (c) to deny the demagogic statements and scandalous and mendacious attacks of certain Cameroonian representatives who try to discredit our political movement, ESOCAM.

Hoping that you will grant us this audience and awaiting an invitation to the United Nations, I have the honour to be etc.

(signed) Bimai André

Edéa, Cameroons.

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Note by the Secretariat: See also T/COM.5/L.16 and L.18.