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CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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At Mamfe, 9/1/54.

Endorsed to:

Resident, Cameroons Province, Buea.

Resident, Bamenda Province, Bamenda.

Secretary-General, United Nations, Lake Success, New York, USA.

For information, please.

(Signed) MUKETE

GENERAL SECRETARY,
KAMERUN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

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KAMERUN NATIONAL CONGRESS

AT MAMFE, 9TH JANUARY 1954

The Commissioner of the Camercons,
BUEA.

Sir,

I am directed by the All-Kamerun Conference consisting of representatives of the Native Authorities and elected Cameroons representatives assembled in Mamfe, Cameroons under United Kingdom Trusteeship, on January 8, 1954, under the auspices of the Kamerun National Congress, to confirm our telegram of even date addressed to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Eastern Region, Enugu; and repeated to His Excellency the Governor of Nigeria and yourself:

"URGENT LIEUTGOV ENUGU

"Reference Section forty-nine Nigeria Constitution Order in Council

"1951 stop View paragraph seven petition All-Kamerun Conference Mamfe

"addressed Colsec 23rd May and paragraph seven Colsecs statement on

"Cameroons August thirteenth last coupled with fact Political Party

"having controlling majority Eastern Legislature is ill-disposed

"towards national aspirations Kamerun Trust Territory as evidenced

"recent events attending election campaign. All Kamerun Conference

"comprising large number representatives Nadmins elected representatives

"and Congress delegates held Mamfe eighth January unanimously resolved

"to enjoin twelve elected and loyal KAMERUN Parliamentarians boycott

"all meetings Eastern House Assembly stop Conference prays Colsec

"be requested implement British Governments intention to inaugurate

"Regional Government for Cameroons immediately as indicated Colsecs

"statement stop Detailed resolution follows by mail stop Addressed

"Lieutgov Enugu copied Governor Lagos and Comcam Buea.

Diborge, President

Mukete, Secretary Kamerun National
Congress

2. I am to attach, hereto, for transmission to the appropriate authorities, the Resolution mentioned in the telegram.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) MUKETE
General Secretary,
Kamerun National Congress.

KAMERUN NATIONAL CONGRESS

RESOLUTION

That this All-Kamerun Conference consisting of representatives of the Native Authorities and elected representatives of the Cameroons under United Kingdom Trusteeship, on January 8, 1954, under the auspices of the Kamerun National Congress,

HAVING REGARD to paragraph 7 of their petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies dated 23rd May, 1953, which says:

"Following the rejection of Cameroons Constitutional representation
"in the Regional Executive and the walk-out of 8 out of 12 of the
"Cameroons representatives, it became obvious that Cameroons could
"not continue to association itself with a legislature in which
"Cameroons rights and wishes would not be respected";

HAVING REGARD ALSO to the public utterances by the leaders of the NCNC before and during the election campaign in Eastern Nigeria, which have accentuated their misgivings that the national aspirations of the Cameroons will never be given effect to by the now NCNC dominated Eastern Nigerian Legislature;

CONSIDERING the statement of the Secretary of State for the Colonies of August 13, 1953, to wit,

"When this conference reassembles in Nigeria the wishes of the
"Southern Cameroons people will be finally known and the report
"of the Fiscal Commission will be available. If it is then
"clear that the Southern Cameroons wish to become a separate Region
"and that suitable financial arrangements can be made for it and
"unless in the meantime the Northern Cameroons have changed their
"views, Her Majesty's Government intend that a separate Regional
"administration shall be established. It would then have to be
"decided, at the reassembled conference, precisely what representation
"the Southern Cameroons should have in the Central Legislature and
"Council of Ministers. The arrangements would have to be not less
"favourable to the Southern Cameroons than the present arrangements.
"On this Her Majesty's Government will have to insist, having regard to
"their special responsibilities for the Trust Territory";

CONSIDERING ALSO that the recent general elections in the Trust Territory of the Cameroons evoked a gratifying response from the Cameroons people to the test imposed on them by Her Majesty's Government which test has resulted in an overwhelming majority by the Kamerun National Congress;

EXPRESSES IMPLICIT CONFIDENCE in their elected parliamentary representatives, and strongly enjoins them to boycott all meetings of the Eastern NIGERIA House of Assembly, and prays that Her Majesty's Government be requested to implement their intention to inaugurate Regional Government for the Cameroons immediately as indicated in the Secretary of State's statement;

RECOMMENDS that this decision be communicated to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor of Nigeria, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, Eastern Region, the Commissioner of the Cameroons, the Residents, Cameroons and Bamenda Provinces, and the Secretary General, United Nations Organisation.

Resolved Unanimously AT MAMFE, CAMEROONS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM TRUSTEESHIP, this 8th day of January, 1954.

(Signed)

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