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PETITIONS CIRCULATED UNDER RULE 85, PARAGRAPH 2, AND COMMUNICATIONS CIRCULATED UNDER RULE 24

Draft report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. Rikhi Jaipal (India)

1. The Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Australia, Belgium, France, Haiti, India and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, has, as provided in rule 90, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council, examined further petitions circulated under rule 85, paragraph 2 and further communications circulated under rule 24, in order to decide which, if any of them, should have the established procedure concerning petitions applied to them.
2. In carrying out this examination, which took place at the 284th and 285th meetings on 4 August 1955, the Committee had before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat (T/C.2/L.185) which contains lists of the petitions and communications, brief summaries of their contents and the grounds for their initial classification by the Secretariat.
3. As a result of its examination, the Committee decided that the established procedure should be applied to the following communications, which will be reported upon separately by the Committee in due course:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Central Committee of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun" of Tombel	T/PET.4/L.1/Add.1
Mr. Elie Yememo	T/PET.5/L.62
Local Felix Moumie Committee of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun"	T/COM.5/L.117

4. The Committee desires to record that proposals to apply the established procedure for the examination of petitions to the documents listed below failed to be adopted because, after following the procedure laid down in rule 33 of the rules of procedure, the votes for and against the proposals were equal:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
The "Union des Populations du Cameroun", Branch of Tombel Bakosi	T/PET.4/L.1
The Chairman of the "Etude de la Région de N'Kam" (ERNKAM)	T/PET.5/L.59
MESSERS. Elias Bissohong Nim, Etienne Masso Nlend and others	T/PET.5/L.60
Local Committee of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun" of 24 October	T/PET.5/L.61
Mrs. Marcel Kanga Fosto	T/PET.5/L.63
The Um Nyobe Committee of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun"	T/COM.5/L.114
The Inhabitants of Seven-Djongo	T/COM.5/L.115
Central Committee of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun" of Bafang	T/COM.5/L.116
Local Committee of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun" of Seven Djogo (1)	T/COM.5/L.120
Koumassi Local Committee of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun"	T/COM.5/L.125
Mrs Rebecca and Mrs. Agnes Luc	T/COM.5/L.127
The Somali Youth League	T/PET.11/L.20
Messrs. Isak Mub Scek Ali, Hagi Mahad Mudei and others	T/COM.11/L.177
Chief Abdi Mohamud Samantar	T/COM.11/L.180

5. Proposals to apply the established procedure for the examination of petitions to the documents listed below were rejected by 2 votes to three with 1 abstention:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Mr. A.J. Siggins	T/COM.2/L.26
Central Committee of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun" of Peng	T/PET.4/L.2

6. Proposals to apply the established procedure for the examination of petitions to the following documents were rejected by 1 vote to 3 with 2 abstentions:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Mr. Joseph Duplond Moffo	T/COM.5/L.110
The "Fédération des travailleurs agricoles, forestiers et paysans du Cameroun"	T/COM.5/L.111
Chairman of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun"	T/COM.5/L.112
Local Committee of 18 January 1953 of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun"	T/COM.5/L.118
The "Fédération des travailleurs agricoles, forestiers et paysans du Cameroun"	T/COM.5/L.121
Mr. Samuel Ntcham Zo'o	T/COM.5/L.124
The National Secretary of Juvento	T/PET.7/L.12

7. One further proposal that the Council should consider the points raised in document T/COM.5/L.123 when it next considers the annual report of the Administering Authority concerning the Cameroons under French Administration was rejected because, after following the procedure laid down in rule 38 of the rules of procedure, the votes for and against the proposal were equal.

8. Under rule 90, paragraph 5, of the rules of procedure the Committee is required to make such recommendations as it deems necessary concerning the consideration by the Council of the petitions circulated under rule 85, paragraph 2 and the communications circulated under rule 24. In this connexion the Committee recalls that the Council approved the recommendations contained in the Committee's report on procedure for the examination of petitions (T/L.465, paragraphs 16-20) that general-question petitions as well as general problems raised in communications should, as a general rule, be considered by the Council during the examination of the next annual report on the Territory to which they refer and that the working paper prepared by the Secretariat on conditions in each Trust Territory should contain an annex setting forth, under headings corresponding to those in the working paper, the problems raised in such petitions and communications.

9. The Committee notes that the following petitions refer to the Togoland Unification Problem:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
The Togoland Congress	T/PET.6/L.64
Mr. Tsama Kofi	T/PET.6/L.65

The Committee recommends that these petitions should be considered at the next occasion when the Council is considering the Togoland unification problem.

10. The Committee requested the Secretariat to include the following petition in part B of the annex to the provisional agenda for the seventeenth session of the Council:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
President of the Somali Youth League	T/PET.11/L.21

11. The Committee recommends further that the following three communications be taken into consideration together with petitions relating to a similar subject matter when the latter are examined:

<u>Communication:</u>	<u>Petitions:</u>
Local Committee of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun" of New-Bell Centre - T/COM.5/L.122	T/PET.5/595
Kamerun National Democratic Party - T/COM.5/L.128	T/PET.5/601 and Add.1
The Secretary-General of the "Rassemblement Populaire des Refugiés du Togo français" - T/COM.7/L.32	T/PET.7/437

12. The Committee has no recommendation to make to the Council concerning communications other than those which raise general problems.

13. This report was adopted by the Committee at its meeting, on 1955, by votes in favour, against and abstention.
