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THIRTIETH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION
OF COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Committee on Classification of Communications, composed of the representative of Australia and the representative of the United Arab Republic, presents this report to the Standing Committee on Petitions, in accordance with the terms of Trusteeship Council resolution 1713 (XX).
2. In accordance with the Trusteeship Council's relevant rules of procedure concerning petitions and with the methods of work set out in the annex to Trusteeship Council resolution 1713 (XX), the Committee recommends for approval by the Standing Committee on Petitions the provisional classification of the thirty-seven communications given in paragraphs 4 to 6 below.
3. The Committee wishes to point out that the brief description, which is given in this report, of the communications provisionally classified herein, is based on the expressions used in those communications and is intended merely to convey an indication of their contents, for which the Committee, of course, has no responsibility.
4. For classification under rule 85, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure
 - (a) Tanganyika

Two communications from the author of a previous petition (T/PET.2/244) containing additional information; T/PET.2/244/Add.1.

One communication from the author of a previous petition (T/PET.2/245) containing further information regarding the secession of M'Simbati Island; T/PET.2/245/Add.1.

One communication containing claims arising out of previous employment by the Tanganyika Government; T/PET.2/247.

Two communications concerning claims of Asian civil servants of Tanganyika; T/PET.2/248 and T/PET.2/249.

(b) Ruanda-Urundi

One communication from the author of a previous petition (T/PET.3/133) containing additional observations by the petitioner; T/PET.3/133/Add.1.

One communication denouncing a plot to massacre all the members of the opposition in Ruanda and asking for urgent intervention by the United Nations; T/PET.3/136.

(c) New Guinea

Two communications concerning the sentencing of ten indigenous inhabitants to death for murder and requesting the United Nations to take action to prevent the sentence from being carried out; T/PET.8/16 and T/PET.8/17.

The representative of Australia considered that these two communications were not acceptable as they did not concern the affairs of a Trust Territory and therefore should not be classified.

5. For classification under rule 85, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure

(a) Tanganyika

Two communications from the African National Congress (Tanganyika Branch) asking that the debate on the termination of trusteeship in Tanganyika be delayed and that free general elections be held. The petitioners also state their opposition to reserved seats in the Legislative Council and to the Government's land policy; T/PET.2/L.14 and Add.1.

(b) Ruanda-Urundi

One communication transmitting a resolution concerning statements made by petitioners representing UPRONA and other parties at the 1119th meeting of the Fourth Committee of the General Assembly, which was unanimously adopted by the Provisional Legislative Assembly of Burundi; T/PET.3/L.118.

One communication concerning the activities of the Catholic Church in Ruanda-Urundi; T/PET.3/L.119.

One communication enclosing a statement the petitioner says he would have made before the Fourth Committee had he been able to come to New York and requesting its circulation. The enclosed statement has been summarized as provided for in rule 85, paragraph 3; T/PET.3/L.120.

One communication from five political leaders asking for the return of the Mwami, the implementation of United Nations resolutions, the withdrawal of Belgian troops, the establishment of a national army and the immediate lifting of Belgian trusteeship; T/PET.3/L.121.

One communication outlining the position of the Legislative Assembly of the "Republic of Ruanda" in relation to the General Assembly's resolutions on Ruanda-Urundi; T/PET.3/L.122.

(c) Cameroons under United Kingdom administration

One communication presenting further information in support of a previous petition (T/PET.4/L.121); T/PET.4/L.121/Add.1.

Five communications from the Federated Parties for Union with Nigeria concerning ratification of the results of the plebiscite in the Northern Cameroons by the United Nations; T/PET.4/L.168.

One communication which requests the United Nations to consider the Southern Cameroons independent as soon as possible and to repeat the plebiscite in the Northern Cameroons; T/PET.4/L.169.

One communication opposing a union of the Southern Cameroons with the Republic of Cameroun; T/PET.4/L.170.

One communication which asks for the annulment of the plebiscite in the Northern Cameroons; T/PET.4/L.171.

One communication stating that Cameroonians in Ghana request Northern Cameroonians to emigrate to Nigeria; T/PET.4/L.172.

One communication containing complaints concerning the recent plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons and asking for partition; T/PET.4/L.173.

One communication in support of the results of the plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons; T/PET.4/L.174.

One communication protesting against the plebiscite in the Northern Cameroons, upholding the result in the Southern Cameroons and opposing any partitioning; T/PET.4/L.175.

One communication opposing partitioning of the Southern Cameroons; T/PET.4/L.176.

One communication protesting against the integration of the Northern Cameroons into Nigeria; T/PET.4/L.177.

One communication protesting against the division of the Trust Territory;
T/PET.4/L.178.

(d) New Guinea

One communication protesting the high infant death rate in New Guinea and requesting a full investigation of the trusteeship exercised by the Australian Government; T/PET.8/L.6.

The representative of the United Arab Republic considered that this petition should be classified under rule 85, paragraph 1.

6. For classification under rule 24 of the rules of procedure

(a) Ruanda-Urundi

One communication containing an appeal to the Belgian Government concerning the actions of the Belgian administration in Ruanda-Urundi; T/COM.3/L.50.

One communication expressing appreciation to the United Nations for its decisions concerning Ruanda-Urundi; T/COM.3/L.51.

Copy of a communication from political leaders to the Mwami of Burundi;
T/COM.3/L.52.
