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EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS

Draft report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. Jaipal (India)

1. The Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representative of China, France, India, Italy, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, presents the Trusteeship Council with a report on the progress it has achieved during its series of meetings from 4 February 1958 up to the present in examining the petitions listed in the annex to the agenda of the twenty-first session of the Council,^{1/} as modified as a result of the work of re-classification carried out by the Committee on Classification of Communications and approved by the Council at its 849th meeting.^{2/}
2. The following table shows by Territory the number of petitions that were on the agenda to which the established procedure was applied: the total number that were re-classified under rule 85, paragraph 2, rule 24 and rule 81 of the rules of procedure; and the balance to be examined according to the established procedure.

^{1/} T/1347/Add.1.

^{2/} T/L.812.

| <u>Territory</u> | <u>Number on agenda</u> | <u>Number re-classified</u> | <u>Number to be examined</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Tanganyika | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Ruanda-Urundi | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Cameroons under British administration | 29 | 0 | 29 |
| Cameroons under British administration and Cameroons under French administration | 15 | 1 | 14 |
| Cameroons under French administration | 1,101 | 955 | 146 |
| Togoland | 22 | 2 | 20 |
| New Guinea | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Somaliland | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| Total | 1,193 | 958 | 235 |

3. The Committee held a total of meetings during which it dealt with 166 of the 235 petitions to be examined and approved the reports thereon which contained the decisions it recommended that the Council should adopt.^{1/}

4. One petition concerning Tanganyika (T/PET.2/219), although it had not been received by the Administering Authority within the two months' time-limit provided for in rule 86, paragraph 1, was examined by the Committee on the proposal of the Administering Authority, under the provisions of rule 86, paragraph 3.

5. With regard to one petition (T/PET.4 and 5/20), which related jointly to the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration, the Committee examined those parts which related to the first Territory and submitted a decision thereon which it recommended the Council should adopt (T/L. resolution). The examination of the remainder of the

^{1/} The reports are contained in documents T/L.817-820, relating to petitions from the Cameroons under French administration; T/L.821 relating to petitions from the Cameroons under British administration; T/L.822 relating to petitions from Ruanda-Urundi: T/L. and T/L. relating to petitions from Tanganyika; and T/L. relating to petitions from the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration. /...

petition, which related to the Cameroons under French administration, was postponed pending the receipt of written observations from the Administering Authority concerned.

6. By letter dated 17 December 1957, the United Kingdom delegation to the United Nations informed the Secretary of the Trusteeship Council that "any petitions concerning the Cameroons under British administration having a date later than 30 May 1957, and emanating from members or branches of the Union des Populations du Cameroun and its affiliated organizations, will not be recognized by the United Kingdom Government and that no observations on such petitions will be submitted". As a result, six petitions (T/PET.4/136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 145) as well as thirty-four of the seventy-five petitions which were covered by T/PET.4/144 and Add.1, were not examined. Similarly, with regard to petitions which related jointly to the two Trust Territories of the Cameroons, nineteen of the thirty-five petitions covered by T/PET.4 and 5/20 and the two petitions in T/PET.4 and 5/21, were not examined for the same reasons.

7. As a consequence of the written statement transmitted by the Government of France, relating to those petitions coming from a party (or a member of a party) which was dissolved by Decree of the French Government dated 13 July 1955, to the effect that the Administering Authority regrets that it is unable to consider a document prepared by an organization (or by a person claiming to belong to an organization); that is prohibited by law, the Committee did not examine twenty-one^{1/} petitions relating to the Cameroons under French administration as well as twenty-nine of the petitions relating jointly to the two Trust Territories of the Cameroons (T/PET.4 and 5/7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 21).

8. The following table shows by Territory the number of petitions that were to be examined: the number dealt with and the number still awaiting examination.

^{1/} T/PET.5/877, 884, 939, L.73; 888, sections 28, 51, 54; 894, sections 11, 18; 1029, 1098, 1101, 1108, 1109, 1118, 1245, 1247, 1248, 1250, 1252, L.320.

| <u>Territory</u> | <u>To be examined</u> | <u>Number dealt with</u> | <u>Number awaiting examination</u> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tanganyika | 7 | 8 | 0 |
| Ruanda-Urundi | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Cameroons under British administration | 29 | 29 | 0 |
| Cameroons under British administration and Cameroons under French administration | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| Cameroons under French administration | 146 | 113 | 33 |
| Togoland | 20 | 0 | 20 |
| New Guinea | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Somaliland | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| Total | 235 | 166 | 70 |

It should be noted that with regard to the petitions from Togoland, New Guinea and Somaliland under Italian administration, no special representative was present during the twenty-first session of the Council and therefore these petitions could not be examined.

9. The Committee recommends that the following five petitions, which raise general questions, and which were received after the agenda of the twenty-first session had been adopted, be added to Part B of the annex and be considered as having been disposed of during the twenty-first session since they were taken into account by the Council during its examination of the annual reports of the Territories concerned:

Tanganyika

Petition from Mr. Zuberi Mtemvu

T/PET.2/L.10

Cameroons under British administration

Communication from Emergency Fons and Chiefs Conference in Session

T/COM.4/L.28

Cameroons under French administration

Petition from Mr. André Marie Mbida, Prime
Minister, Head of the Cameroonian
Government

T/PET.5/L.449

Petition from the International League
for the Rights of Man

T/PET.5/L.450

Petition from Mr. Hubert Effala,
Chairman of Kolo-Beti and others

T/PET.5/L.451

10. This report was adopted by votes to with abstention at
the meeting of the Committee on March 1958.
