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STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

Draft 2nd report of the Committee on Classification of Communications

1. The Committee on Classification of Communications, composed of the representatives of Belgium and Syria, presents a report of its work to the Standing Committee on Petitions, in accordance with the terms of Trusteeship Council resolution 1713 (XX).

2. At its first three meetings held on 23 and 24 July and 12 August 1957, the Committee had before it 210 communications awaiting classification. In accordance with the relevant rules of procedure concerning petitions and with the methods of work set out in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the annex to resolution 1713 (XX), the Committee recommends for approval by the Standing Committee on Petitions the provisional classification given below and the circulation of these 210 communications to the Council.

3. For classification under rule 85, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure

(a) Petitions concerning the Cameroons under British administration

One petition concerning repressive measures taken against the UPC; circulated as document T/PET.4/142.

Five petitions concerning the payment of fines and taxes, unemployment, extradition proceedings and police interference. The Committee recommends that the specific complaints contained in these petitions should be reproduced in a single document, T/PET.4/143.

Seventy-one petitions concerning the dissolution of three organizations. The Committee recommends that the specific complaints contained in these petitions should be reproduced in a single document, T/PET.4/144.

One petition concerning the assassination of Irenée Taffo and his wife; circulated as Addendum 1 to a previous petition on the same subject from the same petitioner - T/PET.4/126.

(b) Petitions concerning the Cameroons under French administration

Fifty petitions containing complaints of murders, kidnapping, arson and looting by members of the UPC. The Committee recommends that the specific complaints contained in these petitions should be reproduced in a single document, T/PET.5/1272.

Four petitions containing specific complaints: to be circulated individually in documents T/PET.5/1273, 1274, 1275 and 1278.

Three petitions containing complaints against the Chief of the Bafoussam Sub-division. The Committee recommends that the complaints should be reproduced in a single document, T/PET.5/1276.

Six petitions containing complaints of looting by Etons. The Committee recommends that these complaints should be reproduced in a single document, T/PET.5/1277.

Twenty-six petitions concerning repressive measures taken by the Administering Authority. The Committee recommends that these complaints should be reproduced in a single document, T/PET.5/1279.

One petition concerning a land question from the Mbog-Etoua community: circulated as Addendum 5 to previous petitions on the same subject from the same petitioner, T/PET.5/544.

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

Thirty-two petitions concerning general problems in the Cameroons under French administration to which the attention of the Trusteeship Council has already been called. The Committee recommends that the subject-matter of these petitions should be reproduced in summarized form in a single document, T/PET.5/L.446.

One petition concerning general problems in Togoland under French administration: circulated as document T/PET.7/L.34.

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

One communication containing comments on the observations of the Administering Authority regarding documents T/PET.2/208 and Add.1, which were the subject of resolution 1725 (XX); circulated as document T/COM.2/L.39.

One communication transmitting, for information, copies of communications not addressed to the United Nations concerning the subject of a petition, T/PET.4/111, already disposed of by resolution 1688 (XIX): circulated as document T/COM.4/L.23.

One communication, being a copy of a petition addressed to the Governor-General of Nigeria and the Council of Ministers: circulated as document T/COM.4/L.24.

One communication, being a copy of a communication addressed to the Commissioner of the Cameroons under British administration: circulated as document T/COM.4/L.25.

One communication, being a copy of a letter addressed to the Minister for Overseas France: circulated as document T/COM.7/L.47. The Committee suggests that, as this communication deals with questions concerning Togoland under French administration, the Standing Committee on Petitions might recommend that it should be brought to the attention of the Trusteeship Council.

One communication, being a copy of a newspaper cutting concerning the incidents at Mango and Lama-Kara; circulated as document T/COM.7/L.48.

One communication, being a copy of a motion regarding the incidents at Mango and Lama-Kara: circulated as document T/COM.7/L.49.

One communication transmitting copies of communications addressed to the High Commissioner of the Republic in Togoland and the Minister for Overseas France: circulated as document T/COM.7/L.50.

One communication, being a repetition of T/PET.11/703, which was the subject of resolution 1760 (XX): circulated as document T/COM.11/L.291.
