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Report of the Standing Committee on Administrative Unions

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Part II. THE CAMEROONS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION

1. The Standing Committee at its 138th meeting reviewed the recent developments concerning the administrative union affecting the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration.
2. The Committee recalled that at its fourteenth session the General Assembly adopted two resolutions (1352 (XIV) and 1473 (XIV)) on the question of the future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration. In these resolutions, the Assembly recommended that a plebiscite should be held in 1960-1961 in the Southern Cameroons and a further plebiscite in the Northern Cameroons under the supervision of the United Nations to determine whether the people wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Federation of Nigeria or by joining the independent Republic of the Cameroons. The Assembly further recommended that the Administering Authority take steps to implement the separation of the administration of the Southern and Northern Cameroons from that of the Federation of Nigeria not later than 1 October 1960.
3. From the reports of the Administering Authority on the separation of the Administration of the Northern and Southern Cameroons from that of Nigeria (T/1526 and 1530), the Standing Committee noted that as from 1 October 1960 the two parts of the Trust Territory would be administered separately from Nigeria, that the Government of Nigeria would no longer have any jurisdiction in the Trust Territory, and that steps were being taken to effect this separation.

4. The Standing Committee further noted that these reports were examined by the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-sixth session, after which it adopted a resolution (T/L.980), containing its recommendations among which was a request that the Administering Authority should take into account the observations and suggestions made in the Council in completing the separation of the administration of the two parts of the Territory from that of the Federation of Nigeria not later than 1 October 1960, ensuring, in particular, the existence, thereafter until the completion of the plebiscite in the Territory, of Police Forces wholly responsible to the authorities in the Territory.
5. The Standing Committee, in view of these developments, considered it unnecessary to submit a report on the operation of the administrative union affecting the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration.
6. At its 138th meeting the Committee unanimously approved this report.
