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PETITION FROM THE LAMIDO OF ADAMAWA  
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH  
AND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith to the members of the Trusteeship Council an undated communication from the Lamido of Adamawa concerning the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration. This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa.

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LAMIDO'S ADDRESS TO THE VISITING MISSION

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Delegates of the Trusteeship Council :-

On behalf of myself and my people I welcome you to Nigeria and to Adamawa Province in particular. We welcome you and appreciate the fine gesture especially as you have travelled hundreds of miles all in the interest of my people and hope that by your stay however short it may be, the Mission will have its desired effect and the wishes of the people be granted. I had the opportunity of reading your report (T/286) and the questions raised by the Trusteeship Council on the Nigerian Government's report for 1947 and noted very carefully all the points raised. But there is something which is actually operating in the minds of my people, in regard to the distribution of some functions of the present Adamawa Emirate which also makes the Administration of the Emirate rather complicating. It is still a mystery to the inhabitants of Adamawa, that their country is composed of two Territories viz. a portion being British and another held in Trust: before the advent of Europeans, so the part of Adamawa Emirate which was purely British and the part occupied by the Germans were one country ruled by the Lamido Adamawa.

But with the cessation of 1914 - 1918 War and the capitulation of Germany, one portion of the part occupied by the Germans was transferred to Adamawa Division, now known as Trust Territory. This has not been regarded by the Natives as a gift or new acquisition but rather as a restoration of part of their lawful possessions once lost.

I have to stress further that the present division of Administration does not in the least meet with the approval of the people and a change of policy is requested i.e., the total dissolution of Trusteeship and annexation to Adamawa Emirate of all the portion now British and French Territory formerly belonging to Adamawa. I can assure you that if our request is acceded to, we shall Administer justice to them as befitting all British protected persons; Schools and Hospitals will be built, roads constructed and in fact the country will be developed. The people too on the other hand will be pleased to return to the country of their origin and the present gap by which one portion is theoretically separated from the other will be closed. As a matter of information the part of Adamawa, though still under French Rule as I have said before, was formerly ruled by the Lamido Adamawa for 60 years before Europeans came.

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Most of the Chiefs and many of the people there still regard the Lamido Adamawa as their paramount Chief and pay respects to him. If one were to ask those people where they come from, the reply would be and in fact has always been from "ADAMAWA". We deprecate the separation and you will agree that we are bound to do so: it is an established fact that these two groups of people have the same customs and lineage.

(Signed) .... (illegible)

Lamido,  
Adamawa Native Authority.

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Received at United Nations Headquarters: 22 November, 1949.

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