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PETITION FROM THE "MWANE-NGOE" (BAKOSSI) TRIBAL UNION CONCERNING
CAMEROONS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION

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THE "MWANE-NGOE" (BAKOSSI) TRIBAL UNION

RESOLUTION

The "MWANE-NGOE", a Tribal Union comprising all Bakossi-speaking people, Kumba Division, Southern Cameroons, at a meeting, attended by over 2,000 delegates from the fifteen clans of BAKOSSI Tribe, held at MUAMBONG on Saturday, 4th March, 1961, moved, amongst other things, the following Resolution:

1. Considering the fact that tribal sentiments rather than a clear understanding of the issues at stake had greatly influenced the voting at the recent Southern Cameroon Plebiscite in favour of the second alternative, viz., "Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Republic of Cameroons".
2. Conscious of the hazards that are inherent in the proposed vague political experiment of "UNIFICATION" with the Cameroun Republic - a situation which is fraught with discontent, rancour, bitterness and terrorism:

The "MWANE-NGOE" resolves to call upon the United Nations to take note of this grave situation, and requests the United Nations, in consultation with the Administering Authority, to make all appropriate arrangements whereby the Bakossi people can be administered with other kindred tribes, who have voted solidly for Federation with the independent Federation of Nigeria.

To this end, the "MWANE-NGOE" decides to send a delegation to present its case to the General Assembly of the United Nations, which is the great "Arbiter" of human affairs.

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Resolved at MUAMBONG, Bakossi, KUMBA DIVISION, Southern Cameroons, this
4th day of March, 1961.

Martin N. Masseh, V. President

John E. Epie, Secretary.
