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PETITION FROM THE WIMBU CHIEFS' CONFERENCE CONCERNING THE  
CAMERCONS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION

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Wimbu Chiefs' Conference,  
Chief's Palace,  
Tabenken,  
P.A. Nkambe, Nkambe Division.

The U.N. General Assembly  
Thro' The Secretary General,  
United Nations, New York,  
U.S.A.

Sir,

The following resolution was adopted by the Chiefs of the Wimbu area of Nkambe Division, which is the most populous tribe in the Division, over the results of the plebiscite conducted in the Southern Cameroons recently, and we should be most grateful if the General Assembly would use its good Offices to accede to our request:-

Recalling that at the last parliamentary elections to the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly the people of Nkambe Division voted solidly in support of the Party which advocated continued association with Nigeria, thus showing the world that they consider that their future could be better secured only in Federation with Nigeria;

Knowing fully that the people of Nkambe have cultural affinity and ethnic affiliation with the peoples of Northern Nigeria and Northern Cameroons and that there is no boundary between Nkambe and the Northern sector of the Cameroons;

Considering that the Administering Authority took into consideration linguistic and cultural affinity in making Nkambe Division a separate Administrative Division and that no other Division can decide for Nkambe Division its own future, than the votes of the people of Nkambe;

Regret very much that in the last plebiscite due to the tribalistic twist adopted in the campaigns and due to mass intimidation and threats to the lives of persons if they should vote in favour of the first alternative, and the sentimental way in which the people have voted in it with the result that the plebiscite has favoured Cameroun Republic;

Noting that the people of Nkambe have again voted very solidly in favour of continued association with Nigeria, thus re-affirming their stand taken two years ago;

BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved, that in view of the fact that the people of Nkambe have shown the world through parliamentary elections and the recent plebiscite held in the territory, that they want to remain with Nigeria, this Chiefs' Conference holden here do call upon the U.N. General Assembly to split Nkambe Division from the Southern Cameroons, and let it join the Northern sector of the territory which has voted to remain with Nigeria, in order to avoid the territory of the Southern Cameroons being torn by strife, in view of divergent views now prevalent in the territory.

Dated at Tabenken this 17th day of February, 1961.

1. Thumb print  
Chief of Ntendip
2. C.F. NGANJI of Ngarien
3. The Hon. Chief ..... (Illegible)  
Wiya Clan Head
4. Chief ..... (Illegible) II of Tala  
Tang Clan Head
5. Thumb Print - Chief of Taku
6. Thumb Print - Chief of Binke
7. Thumb Print - Chief of Tabenken

P.S. Direct all communications to:-

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