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PETITION FROM THE NKAMBE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION

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The Secretary-General
United Nations Organisation
New York, U. S. A.

Petition, Southern Cameroons Plebiscite

We have the honour most respectfully to submit this our humble petition to the United Nations General Assembly, on the outcome of the plebiscite conducted in the Southern Cameroons, and should be most grateful if the Assembly would give it the most sympathetic consideration.

Following the meaning of the plebiscite to us in Nkambe Division in particular and the Southern Cameroons in general, the results of which will decide the future of the peoples of this territory and of many generations yet unborn, we, the women of this Division are strongly opposed to any attempt by any Division to drag us to an unknown destination into union with a territory whose future is very uncertain and Government very unstable.

Our decision to continue our present system of Government and in association with Nigeria, has been shown on more than one occasion: In the 1959 elections to the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly, we voted very strongly in support of the political party advocating union with Nigeria, thus showing to the world the stand we have taken. Since then there has been nothing to make us waver from our belief in union with Nigeria being inevitable to us. More-over, we have been

brought up in the way of life which has the highest regard for the Rule of Law, respect for Human Rights and Freedom and practice of Democracy as the true form of Government.

These are the things we have enjoyed for many years and we do not want to part with, and we have shown this very clearly again in the recent plebiscite conducted in the Southern Cameroons, by voting very solidly in support of union with Nigeria. Indeed, we do not want to loose our Kiths and Kin in the Northern sector of the Cameroons who have chosen to remain with Nigeria, and this we have shown by the very substantial majority we have in this Division, in support of our case for re-joining Nigeria.

Perhaps we may mention at this juncture that despite great intimidation and threats issued against the lives of our people, by Government Party (K.N.D.P.), our people voted very strongly according to their consciences, and that it is under this atmosphere of intimidation and threats and deceit by K.N.D.P. supporters that the peoples of other Divisions voted in support of joining the Cameroons Republic.

In the light of the above, we are therefore appealing very strongly to the U.N. General Assembly to take immediate steps to secede Nkambe Division from the Southern Cameroons and let it join its kith and kin in the Northern sector and the neighbouring areas of Nigeria.

We are,

Your humble Petitioners.

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| 1. Madam Adama Ntala | (thumb print) | 17. (Signed) Goo Julia Nfor | J.G. Nfor |
| 2. Madam Goo Benda | " | 18. Madam Hana Peter | (thumb print) |
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| 4. Madam Ajare | " | 20. Madam Muhka James | " |
| 5. Madam Mala Shatu | " | 21. Mala Bungansa | " |
| 6. Madam Christina Gkwiyl | " | 22. Madam Banjop Esther David | " |
| 7. Madam Amina | " | 23. Madam Junji Madage | " |
| 8. Madam Mero | " | 24. Yaje Nyie | " |
| 9. Miss Nkunkunfor | " | 25. Mugop Elizabeth | " |
| 10. Madam Alima | " | 26. Ntala Lydia | " |
| 11. Mary Mushir | " | 27. Major Mang | " |
| 12. Satu Fnor | " | 28. Munyup Esther | " |
| 13. Madam Hana Laba | " | 29. Amina Sheshe | " |
| 14. Madam Nyie Elizabeth | " | 30. Fatuma | " |
| 15. Mada Ladi | " | 31. Lefe Lydia | " |
| 16. Madam Maja Esther | " | 32. Ntangn Nji | " |