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PETITION FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE NORTHERN
CAMEROONS DEMOCRATIC PARTY (N.K.D.P.) CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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

Sir,

Plebiscite in Northern Cameroons

I have been directed by the members and supporters of the Northern Cameroons Democratic Party (N.K.D.P.). This is the only party which has the interest of the Northern Cameroonians, the rest of the political parties in the Trust Territory are Nigerians, and they are busy making campaign for the Federal Elections of Nigeria. As a result of this the minds of our people are now confused.

There is always victimisation by Nigerians' Chiefs who are brought from Nigeria to rule the Cameroonians by force, we are not free at all unless these Chiefs are removed and other influenced people from Nigeria are prevented to enter the Territory, from now until after the Plebiscite. We will not be happy and therefore we are not allowed to determine our future freely.

The interference of Northern Nigerians is very high because they want to colonize N. Cameroons thereby remaining under their rule for ever. We are Cameroonians so we want to maintain our national identity - Cameroons.

During the last meeting of the General Assembly, the Minister for N. Cameroons Affairs did not put the interests of N. Cameroonians but that of Northern Nigeria and therefore we do not agree with what he said because we were not consulted.

As we are unable to send even a single delegate to the present meeting of the General Assembly, we have great confidence in the Premier of Southern Cameroons Hon J.N. Foncha and therefore he can speak on behalf of the people of N. Cameroons. He knows the situation there.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary-General - N.K.D.P.

Copy to Hon. J.N. Foncha
