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PETITION FROM MR. SAMUEL KAMGA AND OTHERS CONCERNING  
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Nkongsamba, 25 August 1955<sup>1/</sup>

Petition to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

We welcome you to our Territory of the Cameroons, which the colonialists, led by Roland Pré and his friend Aujoulat, have terrorized since 25 May 1955.

Cameroonians have been killed by the bullets of the colonialists. Active members have been imprisoned. Houses have been destroyed and burnt down; the property of the active members has been stolen by colonialist lackeys.

Now the colonialists are setting up mixed communes and rural communes everywhere and are establishing village committees. You should be warned, Sir, that they are appointing their lackeys as members and officers of these committees, in order to mislead you by this false front prepared for your arrival. The colonialists thought that by using violence they would silence the voice of the UPC, but we and many others are opposed to all these appointments and to anything that may be brought to your attention except the only national movement, which is the UPC.

Sir, we prostrate ourselves before you, begging you to grant the following requests: 1. The liberation of the imprisoned active members of the UPC. 2. Peace in the Territory. 3. The Unification and independence of the Cameroons.

1/ Note by the Secretariat: This communication was sent from Kumba, Cameroons under British Administration.

Since the French have been in the Cameroons, we have never known them to distribute collective gifts, but since the war of 25 May 1955 the French Government has been sending lorries full of dabas and umbrellas to the markets and the Bamiléké chiefdoms. For the first time since its arrival in the Cameroons, the French Government tried to distribute these things among the women, but they would have none of this, saying that they do not need charity and asking why the colonialists have waited until after their carefully prepared war against the Cameroonians to do all that they are now doing in the Territory of the Cameroons.

What the Cameroonian women want from the French Government is the return of their husbands, children and friends whom that Government has killed and is continuing to kill by various forms of oppression. They want the liberation of the imprisoned active members. They want peace in their land. They want the unification and Independence of the Cameroons, for which many of their nearest and dearest have paid with their lives.

In the hope that, in your wisdom, you will make a correct appraisal of the opinions of real Cameroonians, we have the honour to be etc.,

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| 1. KAMGA SAMUEL (s.)     | 18. Kengne Moise (s.)      |
| 2. Timamo Jean (s.)      | 19. Nono Elisa (s.)        |
| 3. Tagne Elisa (s.)      | 20. Simo Rose (s.)         |
| 4. Fokwa Jean (s.)       | 21. Demgne Marthe (s.)     |
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| 6. Takodjou Jean (s.)    | 23. Magam Marthe (s.)      |
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