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CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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To the  
Secretary General of the United Nations,  
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Our Union Executive Office, the representatives of 13,000 factory members of the VEB Elektrochemisches Kombinat Bitterfeld, has learned with indignation of the increasingly serious acts of terrorism which the French colonial authorities in French Cameroons are committing with growing frequency. On 21 May defenseless patriots were murdered at Douala, a hundred being killed and several hundred wounded. These people were risking their lives to defend their nation against brutal exploitation.

We request an end to this terrorism and the release of the prisoners, including the Jacques N'Gom, General Secretary of the Trade Union Association of the Cameroons in the CGT and member of the Executive Office of the World Federation of Trade Unions, who is not unknown even to the German people.

We are of the opinion that the Geneva Conference has resulted in a slackening of tension in the international political situation. Therefore, an end should also be put to the brutal methods of oppression employed in Africa.

We request you, therefore, to exert your whole influence toward bringing an end to the colonial terror in Africa and securing the release of the imprisoned patriots.

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