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## PETITION FROM THE BOUPE II COMMITTEE OF THE "UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN" CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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### PETITION

UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN  
CAMEROONIAN BRANCH OF THE RASSEMBLEMENT DEMOCRATIQUE AFRICAIN  
BOUPE II UPC COMMITTEE<sup>1/</sup>

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations,  
New York, U.S.A.

Sir,

The Boupe II UPC Committee met today and considered the position of the Cameroonians victimized for claiming such legitimate rights as immediate Unification and Independence. This crime of claiming our rights has led the French colonialists, under orders from Roland Pré, to launch a terrible war to prevent the Cameroonian people's obtaining satisfaction of their claims.

This war, which was first launched in the regions of Mungo, M'Banga, N'Kongsamba, Douala, Yaoundé, and several other centres in the Territory of the Cameroons, has caused us many casualties: dead, wounded, prisoners and others lost in the forests. This state of affairs continues.

People have been deported by the French authorities to an unknown destination and we still have no idea whether they are in prison or dead.

Several Cameroonian houses and huts were destroyed by the French colonialists because their occupants had committed the crime of "calling for the immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons".

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

People tell us all is quiet in the Cameroons but this is not true. We are still unhappy, having no peace. We beg the Secretary-General and the Members of the United Nations to look into the situation in the Cameroons, which is gravely disturbed by French colonialist repression.

We find it very odd for the French to be fighting against an unarmed population and, what is more, a country under United Nations Trusteeship. This proves that the French have no respect for the Charter of the United Nations and the Trusteeship Agreement. It is as if a man would take a machete against a defenceless woman.

From our remote hiding-place, we beg the Members of the United Nations to see that our country is granted unity and independence and that no excuses are accepted. We also ask for the release of those imprisoned and the withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of the leaders of our progressive movements.

We have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Noufabeu Christophe  
Chairman

(Signed) Tchatat Pascal  
Secretary

pp. The Committee

Done in the Bush, 18 September 1955

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