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FREIEN GEWERKSCHAFTS BUND" CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER  
FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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INDUSTRIEGEWERKSCHAFT CHEMIE

To the  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
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We have been informed of the acts of provocation which have been carried out for the past several months by the French colonial administration in the Cameroons against the democratic organizations and trade unions. We are firmly convinced that the workers of the Cameroons have the right to defend themselves against the brutal exploitation of the French colonial business concerns.

History teaches that it is impossible to hold nations down for long by means of blood and terrorism. We German workers in particular are well aware of this fact after twelve years of Hitlerite Fascism.

Therefore, in the name of our 350,000 members, we request you to induce the French Government to stop the bloody terror in the Cameroons and to release Jacques N'Gom, General Secretary of the Cameroons Trade Union Association and member of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Trade Unions, and his colleagues. This would be in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

Central Board of the IG Chemie  
in the FDGB

German Democratic Republic  
(s) Horst Willim, First Chairman