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THE "UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN" CONCERNING  
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN (UPC)

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The Secretary-General of the United Nations,  
New York  
Sir,

Before voting this Motion, we must inform you that we cannot disclose our full address, for if the French colonialists knew where we were, we should easily be arrested and ruthlessly killed in some corner or other.

The Cameroons, a United Nations Trust Territory, is at war: the colonialists, Roland Pré and his followers, have started a cruel war against the defenseless Cameroonians; but the Cameroonians know of only one struggle, the struggle for the unification and independence of their country, the Cameroons. At present, in the Bamileke Region, the homes of the chiefs and leaders of the great Cameroonian National Liberation movement are being pillaged and burned and their fixed and movable property is being mercilessly looted by the soldiers from the Tchad and from all parts of the Cameroons.

<sup>1/</sup> Note by the Secretariat: This communication was sent from Kumba, Cameroons under British administration, on 30 June 1955.

The same thing at Yaoundé, Douala and Nkongsamba. A shooting war was decreed two weeks ago. Every Cantonal Chief is being obliged by police pressure to ransack and make searches with a troop of soldiers armed to the teeth. If one of the chiefs and leaders of the local committees of the Canton is arrested, he is immediately marched or carried off to some corner of the world where he will languish for the rest of his life. We ask the United Nations to intercede and secure the return of our brothers who have been carried off from our land, the Cameroons. We still do not know what has happened to our top leaders, or exactly where they are. The United Nations should send us a mission immediately to make an inquiry on the spot, and insist on the top chiefs and leaders of the local committees being present before opening an investigation into our dead and wounded and the damage of every kind caused by the French colonialists in the Cameroons. This very week, members of the UPC, CGT, JDC and UDFC are still being arrested in great numbers in all the Regions of the Cameroons, particularly in the Bamileke and Moungo Regions. Now the indigenous inhabitants are being forced to sign and to swear on the Catholic Bible that they will never again support the unification and independence of the Cameroons. Active members of the movements are being imprisoned. We now call for the arrival of a mission of inquiry in the near future to liberate our comrades who are suffering appalling torture in prison, and to bring back those who have been carried off to unknown destinations.

For the Bafoussam Central Committee

(Bamileke Region)

(Signed) Nkué Josué

General Secretary

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