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CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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The Executive and Supervisory organs of the Association of Cameroonian
Students, representing eight hundred students in France:

Having regard to Article 76 (b) and (c) of the United Nations Charter;

Having regard to article 10, last paragraph, of the Trusteeship Agreement
for the Cameroons;

Considering that the Administering Authority has never respected the
aforementioned texts;

Whereas the Cameroons has always been governed by emergency laws;

Whereas Mr. Soucadeaux, the High Commissioner, had already arbitrarily
prohibited meetings of the one and only genuinely national political party in
the Cameroons and his successor, Mr. Roland Pré, has inaugurated an era of savage
and barbarous police and military repression;

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Considering that ever since Mr. Roland Pré came to the Cameroons as Governor six months ago, the Union des Populations du Cameroun (U.P.C.), which embodies and expresses the fundamental aspirations of the Cameroonian people, has been subjected to punitive raids, illegal searches, arrests, arbitrary imprisonment and prohibition of its meetings, and its active members have been bludgeoned by the troops;

Considering that this policy of barbarous repression was to reach its peak at the time of the arrival of the United Nations Visiting Mission in the Territory, so that the patriots who had been appointed to express the wishes of the Cameroonian people should be kept in prison;

Whereas accordingly, on 22, 23, 24 and 25 May 1955, following a meeting organized by the U.P.C. and the arrest of its leaders by the police, serious incidents broke out throughout almost the entire Territory;

Whereas the U.P.C. headquarters and hundreds of indigenous dwellings were pillaged and burnt;

The Cameroonian students, aroused and indignant at these outrageous happenings, vigorously protest against them and appeal to the United Nations, asking that:

A commission with wide powers to carry out an investigation on the spot may be set up without delay;

That this commission of investigation may be composed of Afro-Asian powers exclusively.

The Cameroonian students consider that the appointment of such a commission would help to allay their apprehensions and would give them new hope in the United Nations mission of leading all the Trust Territories to independence;

We hope that, with the help of this commission for which we are asking, those in the Cameroons who believe in the United Nations and who express the

desire of the people to regain independence and sovereignty as soon as possible will cease to be regarded as "agitators", at the mercy of police tyranny.

The Executive Committee of the
Association of Cameroonian Students

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Vice Chairman in the home country

M. Dook KINGUE (signed) (seal)

The Supervisory Committee
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(signed) P. NKWENGUE, President

(signed) J. FOALEM

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