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Requesting the immediate unification and independence of Kamerun.

To the President and Members of the United Nations General Assembly.

Sir,

I have the honour to write to you in my sadness to inform you of the great sufferings we are at present enduring in our Territory under United Nations Trusteeship.

We have aroused hostility by our refusal to agree to the application of the notorious loi-cadre which France is trying to impose upon us by force.

Do we have to claim our rights?

We do not want any elections in our Territory until a full and complete amnesty has been granted. That is what we tell France. Yet France only wants to impose this election on us by force. When we request France to grant this full and complete amnesty, its only reply is carry out massacres, mass arrests and to search the homes and offices of our brothers. The proof is that the chief editor of the Kamerun Mon Pays (Jean Marie-Manga) has just been arrested without reason and his office searched.

That, Sir, is how France is caring for us now. The Kameroonian people says "no" to France for the last time. We are not one of its colonies and want no part of notorious French law. If there is to be Franco-Kameroonian friendship we request the unconditional and immediate unification and independence of Kamerun.

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Long live the right of peoples to self-determination.

Long live the voice of the Lord.

Long live the United Nations.

Please ensure the early release of the chief editor of this young newspaper Kamerun Mon-Pays;

I have the honour to be, etc.