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PETITION FROM MR. ANDRE PONDI CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS
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For the United Nations

Sir,

I would respectfully draw your attention to the following account of the damages I have suffered at the hands of France.

I shall simply tell you that France has ruined me individually.

At the age of thirteen I was made to do heavy forced labour for a year. My father Bang died in this forced labour.

France has deprived me of my dense forest and the resources of the soil and subsoil.

As a result of the indigénat system France is responsible for the death of my dear lady, Marie Petra.

In hauling their wood the Bois du Cameroun destroyed the following plants of mine: 300 palm-trees, 25 stems of cocoa and ten coco-nut palms; and to compensate me for these losses France has taken me from the cruel prisons.

I absolutely refuse the loi-cadre, which France is forcing me to accept without delay.

I am heartily in favour of the Reunification and Independence of my country.

Awaiting your favourable decision, I have the honour to be,

Your Pondi André, who is awaiting his immediate Independence.

Eséka Subdivision,

Chief of the Ndjeng Paul, Canton and Sokellé village, Eséka

(Signature illegible)

16 November 1956