

Third session

PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON CERTAIN PETITIONS
PRESENTED TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
SUBMITTED BY THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS

Chairman: Mr. SAYRE (United States)

RESOLUTION NO. 1: PETITION FROM ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ALLIANCE
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE CAMEROONS UNDER
BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, acting under Article 87 (b) of the Charter, has, at its third session, in conformity with its Rules of Procedure, accepted and examined, in consultation with the United Kingdom as the Administering Authority concerned, the petition from St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, dated 28 November 1947, received by the Administering Authority on 15 December 1947 (document T/PET.4/2).

The Council has considered observations submitted by the Government of the United Kingdom (document T/178) with respect to this petition.

THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

1. CONDEMNNS the customs of compulsory marriage and child marriage as set forth in the aforesaid petition;
2. NOTES that it is the policy of the Administering Authority, as set forth in document T/178, paragraph 10, "to endeavour to achieve a modification of custom and at the same time to ensure that individual hardship or cruelty is prevented . . . For the future, improvement in the situation must depend on continued efforts of the missionaries supplemented by the influence and advice of Government officers.";
3. IS CONFIDENT that the Administering Authority will take all appropriate measures to end such practices;
4. REQUESTS the Administering Authority to indicate in future Annual Reports on the Territory the steps taken and the progress made;
5. DECIDES to bring the problem to the attention of the first visiting mission to be sent to the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under British administration; and

/6. INVITES

6. INVITES the Secretary-General to inform the Administering Authority and the petitioners of this resolution in accordance with Rule 93 of the Rules of Procedure for the Trusteeship Council.

DRAFT LETTER TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, CONCERNING
THE PETITION FROM ST. JOAN'S SOCIAL AND POLITICAL
ALLIANCE, SET FORTH IN DOCUMENT T/PET.4/2

I am instructed by the Trusteeship Council, in accordance with the arrangements for co-operation in dealing with matters of common concern, approved by the Trusteeship Council on 25 November 1947 (document E&T/C.1/2/Rev.1) to forward to the Economic and Social Council for the information of the Human Rights Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women copies of the petition from St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, which was circulated as document T/PET.4/2, relating to the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under British administration.

The petition was examined at the seventh plenary meeting of the third session of the Trusteeship Council, held on 23 June 1948, and a copy of the resolution adopted by the Council on the occasion (document T/) is attached.

RESOLUTION NO. 2: PETITION FROM PAUL WAMBA KUDILILWA CONCERNING THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF TANGANYIKA

THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, acting under Article 87 (b) of the Charter, has, at its third session, in conformity with its Rules of Procedure, accepted and examined, in consultation with the United Kingdom as the Administering Authority concerned, the petition from Paul Wamba Kudililwa, Mwanza, Tanganyika, dated 12 January 1948, received by the Administering Authority on 27 January 1948 (document T/PET.2/43), and the petition from the same petitioner, not dated, received by the Secretary-General on 2 June 1948 and transmitted to the Administering Authority on 7 June 1948, which supplies additional information on the same subject-matter (document T/PET.2/43/Add.1).

Mr. J. E. S. Lamb was duly designated as a special representative of the Administering Authority for the examination of this petition.

The Council considered observations submitted by the Government of the United Kingdom (document T/187) with respect to this petition.

THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

NOTING the statements by the Administering Authority and the special representative concerning the circumstances covering the removal of the petitioner from his office;

/DECIDES

DECIDES that, in the circumstances, no action by the Trusteeship Council is called for on this petition and invites the Secretary-General to inform the Administering Authority and the petitioner of this resolution in accordance with Rule 93 of the Rules of Procedure for the Trusteeship Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 3: PETITION FROM MRS. ELSE AUGOUSTIDES CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF TANGANYIKA

THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, acting under Article 87 (b) of the Charter, has, at its third session, in conformity with its Rules of Procedure, accepted and examined, in consultation with the United Kingdom as the Administering Authority concerned, the petition from Mrs. Else Augoustides, Magugu, Tanganyika, dated 15 February 1948, received by the Administering Authority on 12 March 1948 (document T/PET.2/44).

Mr. J. E. S. Lamb was duly designated as a special representative of the Administering Authority for the examination of this petition.

THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

1. NOTES that the petition concerns a former German resident of Tanganyika who has been dealt with in accordance with the repatriation policy of the Administering Authority, which was fully considered by the Council during its first session;
2. NOTES that the question raised in the petition relates to the implementation of the previously-stated policy, which received the general approval of the Council in Resolution 5 (I);
3. REAFFIRMS its approval of the policy of the Administering Authority with regard to the subject-matter of the petition; and
4. DECIDES that, in the circumstances, no action by the Trusteeship Council is called for on the petition and invites the Secretary-General to inform the Administering Authority and the petitioner of this resolution in accordance with Rule 93 of the Rules of Procedure for the Trusteeship Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 4: PETITIONS FROM MRS. MARGARETE TRAPPE AND ROLF TRAPPE CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF TANGANYIKA

THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, acting under Article 87 (b) of the Charter, has, at its third session, in conformity with its Rules of Procedure, accepted and examined, in consultation with the United Kingdom as the Administering Authority concerned, the following petitions:

1. Petition from Mrs. Margarete Trappe, Momella, Tanganyika, dated 25 February 1948, received by the Administering Authority on 15 March 1948 (document T/PET.2/46);

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2. Petition from Rolf Trappe, Usa River, Tanganyika, dated 17 March 1948, received by the Administering Authority on 1 April 1948 (document T/PET.2/47);

3. Petition from Rolf Trappe, Usa River, Tanganyika, dated 26 April 1948, transmitted to the Administering Authority on 4 May 1948 (document T/PET.2/48);

Mr. J. E. S. Lamb was duly designated as a special representative of the Administering Authority for the examination of this petition.

THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

1. NOTES that the petitions concern a German resident of Tanganyika who has been dealt with in accordance with the repatriation policy of the Administering Authority, which was fully considered by the Council during its first session;

2. NOTES that the question raised in the petitions relates to the implementation of the previously-stated policy, which received the general approval of the Council in Resolution 5 (I);

3. REAFFIRMS its approval of the policy of the Administering Authority with regard to the subject-matter of the petitions; and

4. DECIDES that, in the circumstances, no action by the Trusteeship Council is called for on the petitions and invites the Secretary-General to inform the Administering Authority and the petitioners of this resolution in accordance with Rule 93 of the Rules of Procedure for the Trusteeship Council.

DRAFT LETTER TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE BAKWERI
LAND COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE REQUEST FOR AN ORAL PRESENTATION
IN CONNECTION WITH THE PETITION SET FORTH IN DOCUMENT
T/PET.4/3, T/PET.4/3/Add.1, T/PET.4/3/Add.2

In reply to your cablegram of 16 June 1948, I am instructed by the Trusteeship Council to inform you that the Council has decided to defer consideration of the problem dealt with in your communications of 24 August 1946 and 17 November 1947 until a subsequent session of the Trusteeship Council. Your representative will be notified in advance of the date of such consideration.

Your attention is called to document T/182, a copy of which is attached, in which the United Kingdom Government, as the Administering Authority concerned, has submitted its observations on your communications. As you will notice, it is stated in paragraph 23 of that document that "a senior Administrative Officer has already been posted to Victoria Division to make investigations in order to ensure that the local inhabitants have fully adequate land for subsistence farming under a system of shifting cultivation and for
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planting with such cash crops as a household is able to cultivate by its own efforts. . . . Where it is found that a genuine shortage of farm land exists steps will be taken to remedy the situation by excision of land from the plantation areas leased to the Cameroons Development Corporation."

A verbatim report of the Council discussions with respect to your communications is enclosed. If, notwithstanding the fact that the Council may not be prepared to reach conclusions with regard to the request contained in your communication until after the report of the investigating officer has been received, you nevertheless desire that your representative appear before the Trusteeship Council at its next regular session to make an oral presentation, the Council will be glad to have him do so.

Your attention is further called to the fact that a visiting mission of the Trusteeship Council is scheduled to visit the Cameroons under British administration sometime in 1949.
