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## ITEM 5 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### EXAMINATION OF THE PETITIONS LISTED IN THE ANNEX TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary-General has the honour, in accordance with rule 24 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, to call the following communications to the attention of the Council :-

#### GENERAL

1. A letter dated 14 August 1949, from Mr. H.H. Pommerenke, suggesting that for the sake of international peace such strategic areas as Hong Kong, Panama Canal, the Suez Canal, the Dardanelles, Singapore, and others, be placed under United Nations Trusteeship.

#### TANGANYIKA

2. A letter dated 16 June 1949 from the Northern Province Branch of the Tanganyika-African Association, Arusha, thanking the United Nations and registering their appreciation of the work done in Tanganyika by the United Nations Visiting Mission to East Africa.

3. A letter dated 20 June 1949, from Mr. Clement Semitende, charging that his brother, John, was bribed in order to give "false witness" to the fact that Bugufi was a part of Urundi. He further states that the inhabitants of Bugufi do not wish to be ruled by the Mwami of Urundi.

4. A letter dated 22 July 1949, with enclosures, from the Shariff Is-Hak Community, setting forth additional reasons in support of their

claim<sup>1/</sup> that they are Asians and not Somalis or Africans as the Administering Authority chose to classify them.

5. A letter dated 25 July 1949, with enclosures, from the Secretary of the Shariff Is-Hak Association, Moshi and Arusha Branch, stating that a previously submitted Generation List was not accurate and submitting another Generation Book of Sayed Is-Hak written in Arabic.

6. An undated letter, with enclosure, from Mr. A.S. Wildberg, reviewing in brief the history and stages of German settlement in Tanganyika and requesting that the United Nations intervene with the administering authority in order that a "broad-minded" policy toward the former Tanganyika Germans be adopted.

7. A letter dated 30 August 1949, with enclosure, from "a native of Buressalaam Township", stating that following the visit of the United Nations Visiting Mission to East Africa conditions have become "too worse" and charging that sooner or later no African will have a piece of land and that even the "native powers will be discard from Africans". This, he claims, is due to the "Two Wars Settlers" in East Africa.

8. A letter dated 26 September 1949, with enclosures, from Mr. August Fayer, denying some and clarifying others of the statements made about him by the Administering Authority.<sup>2/</sup> He requests that his case be reopened and that the Trusteeship Council intervene on his behalf to give him at least "a suitable amount" of his properties in Tanganyika.

9. A letter dated 18 November 1949, from Mr. August Fayer, claiming that the value of his properties in Tanganyika is about Sh.500,000 and not 135,000 as stated by the Administering Authority.<sup>3/</sup> He appeals to the Council for "justice" in his case.

10. A letter dated 3 October 1949, with enclosure, from Mrs. Käte Salzmann, re-stating her case.<sup>3/</sup> and setting forth reasons why she should be re-admitted to Tanganyika, since she now claims to be a Hungarian citizen by virtue of her

1/ See T/Pet.2/58

2/ T/345

3/ T/Pet.2/63

marriage.

11. A letter dated 16th November 1949, with enclosures, from Mr. A.J. Siggins reiterating his previous statements that the Groundnut Scheme is a failure and that it is harmful to the natives as well as to the Trust Territory of Tanganyika. In support of his contention, he refers to a statement allegedly made by the British Minister of Foreign Affairs that the Groundnut Scheme was a defence scheme. He appeals to the Trusteeship Council to place on record his letter and its accompanying evidence and "to request an explanation from the British representatives as to their reasons for statements made at the March Session" of the Trusteeship Council.

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12. A letter dated 20 September 1949, with enclosures, from Mr. Costas A. Mazis complaining of irregularities in the handling of his case by the courts in the territory. He claims that due to wounds in his head he now suffers from epilepsy.

13. A letter dated 27 September 1949, with enclosure, from Mr. Costas A. Mazis requesting the Council to examine three legal cases in which he was involved and on which the local courts had rendered decisions allegedly unfavourable to him.

CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

14. A cablegram dated 22 August 1949 from the Cameroons Federal Union, Lagos, denouncing the activities of Chief Manga Williams and charging that his visit to the United Kingdom is suspected to be an attempt to sabotage their demands for freedom and prejudice the proposed United Nations Visiting Mission.

15. A cablegram dated 30 August 1949 from the Secretary of the Bakweri Land Committee, Lagos, stating that Chief Manga Williams, on his visit to the United Kingdom, does not represent the Bakweris and suspecting him of being an agent against the Land Committee's interests.

CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

16. A letter dated 11 July 1949 from Mr. Ernest Kühne denying that he had ever been a member of a political group and renewing his request<sup>1/</sup> to be allowed to return to the Cameroons under French Administration.

TOGOLAND UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

17. A letter dated 18 July 1949 from Agyemang IV thanking the British Government for assisting him and his people in the construction of the Gbadzeme-Fume lorry road but protesting against a statement in the "Gold Coast Bulletin" of 15 June 1949 which claimed that the Amedzofe-Gbadzeme road was constructed by the Government. He states that this particular road was built by the people of Gbadzeme alone.

18. A copy of a letter to the Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Accra, dated 28 July 1949 from Amega Kpofo on behalf of his subject Atta Kpagey, requesting that a sentence of three months at hard labour for non-compliance with a deportation order be suspended and that Kpagey be allowed to return to his hometown in Togoland under French Administration, or to remain in Togoland under British Administration.

19. A letter dated 30 October 1949 from the Youth Section, Togoland United Nations Association, Amedzofe, commenting on Trusteeship documents "T/261 and T/SR/140" which relate to the question of education in the territory. It is charged that in many areas the natives are carrying the heavy burden of building, supplying and maintaining their schools in addition to paying "the high school fees". It is thus requested that free elementary education be instituted in Western Togoland under British Administration as it is in Eastern Togoland under French Administration. It is further charged that among the twenty teachers in the Territory who, according to the "1948 Report on Western Togoland", have received overseas training, only one is an indigenous person.

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20. A circular dated 30 September 1949 from the Togoland Youth Movement  
1/ See: T/Pet.5/2 & Resolution 77 (IV)

Amedzofe, announcing its formation as an independent political organization, and declaring its aims. Among these are : to eradicate the Anglo-French frontiers now existing, to work against injustice and "suppression" in Togoland, to educate the chiefs and their people towards self-government, and to fight by all legal means for that aim.

21. A copy of a resolution dated 22 November 1949 from the Togoland Union, in which they claim to be the only recognized political body in Togoland under British Administration. They also disassociate themselves from the All-Ewe Conference and warn that any Natural Rulers accepting the invitations of the All-Ewe Conference to meet with the United Nations visiting Mission at Lomé, Togoland under French Administration, should not be considered representatives accredited to express the wishes of the Natural Rulers and people of Togoland under British Administration.

#### TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

22. A letter dated 9 August 1949 from Mr. A. De Souza enclosing a copy of a confirmation of traditional and customary rules drawn up by the traditional chiefs and claiming that the relations between the administration and the population of the territory are strained because of the interference by the administering authority with the affairs of the chiefs.

23. A cablegram dated 21 October 1949 from Mr. A. De Souza protesting against a statement presumably made by the representative of France on the Trusteeship Council that fifty years ago the people of Togoland were completely uncivilized.