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QUESTION OF FOREST RESERVES AS RAISED IN
CERTAIN PETITIONS CONCERNING CAMEROONS
UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Resolution adopted by the Trusteeship Council at the
eightieth meeting on 3 April 1950.

Acting under Article 87 (b) of the Charter and in accordance with its rules
of procedure,

Having accepted and examined, at its sixth session, in consultation with the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the
Administering Authority concerned, which designated Brigadier
Gibbons as special representative, parts of the following
petitions which raise the question of forest reserves:

1. Petition from the Cameroons National Federation
(T/PET.4/16-5/7),
2. Petition from the Cameroons Federal Union
(T/PET.4/61-5/66),
3. Petition from the Bafaw Improvement Union (T/PET.4/14),
4. Petition from men and women of Bagangu (T/PET.4/51),
5. Petition from the Bamenda Improvement Association
(T/PET.4/52-5/65),
6. Petition from the People of Ejagham (T/PET.4/8),
7. Petition from the People of Mukonje and Bai (T/PET.4/12),
8. Petition from the Balong Native Authority
(T/PET.4/15-5/6),

/Having taken note
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Having taken note of the observations of the Administering Authority (T/486, para. 44-50) on the question of forest reserves,

Having noted the statement of the Administering Authorities that forest reserves are in the interest of the economic development of the inhabitants of the Territories, that the creation of forest reserves involves no alienation of land and that all profits to be derived from the forest reserves remain in the ownership of the native community,

The Trusteeship Council

- (1) Notes with satisfaction the policy of the Administering Authority regarding the establishment of forest reserves;
- (2) Expresses the hope that the Administering Authority will continue to take steps to explain its policy to the people concerned;
- (3) Draws the attention of the petitioners to the resolution on forest reserves adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its sixth session, the text of which reads as follows:

"The Council, recognizing that it is the duty of the Administering Authority to protect the forest resources of the Territory, approves the steps already taken in this direction and recommends that the Administering Authority undertake more energetic measures.";

- (4) 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.
