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QUESTION OF LABOUR CONDITIONS AND STANDARD
OF LIVING AS RAISED IN CERTAIN PETITIONS
CONCERNING THE 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 labour
conditions and standard of living:

1. Petition from the Cameroons National Federation
(T/PET.4/16-5/7),
2. Petition from Kom Improvement Association (T/PET.4/35),
3. Petition from the Cameroons Federal Union (T/PET.4/61-5/66),

Having taken note of the observations of the United Nations Visiting
Mission to West Africa on labour conditions and standards of
living (T/461, pp. 103-105),

Having taken note of the observations of the Administering Authority
concerned (T/486, paras. 57-62 and T/506) as well as of the
oral statement of the special representative on this subject,

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Having noted the statement of the Administering Authority that the Cameroons Development Corporation, in order to improve the living conditions has opened plantation stores and that the establishment of modern labour accommodation is in progress,

The Trusteeship Council

- (1) Decides to inform the petitioners that the question of labour conditions and standards of living has been and will be examined in connection with its examination of the annual reports of the Administering Authority on the administration of the Territory;
- (2) Draws the attention of the petitioners to the resolutions on cost of living and on wages and standard of living adopted by the Council at its sixth session, the text of which reads as follows:

"Cost of living

The Council notes and endorses the conclusion of the Visiting Mission that the wage rates in the Territory are low in comparison with the cost of consumer goods and recommends that the Administering Authority consider and adopt measures to ensure that essential consumer goods be made available at prices within the range of the average wage-earner;

"Wages and Standard of Living

The Council urges the Administering Authority to intensify its efforts to increase real wages and to raise the standard of living of the indigenous inhabitants of the Territory.";

- (3) 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.
