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Sixth session  
Item 5 of the agenda

Dual Distribution

QUESTION OF NATIVE ADMINISTRATION AS RAISED IN  
CERTAIN PETITIONS CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH  
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 France

as the Administering Authority concerned, which designated  
Mr. Watier as special representative, parts of the following  
petitions which raise the question of native administration:

- (1) Petition from 10 personnes au nom des populations autoch-  
tones des différents villages et groupements, (T/PET.5/13),
- (2) Petition from Représentants du Peuple Eeti, (T/PET.5/17),
- (3) Petition from Secrétaire du Comité Régional de l'Union des  
Populations Camerounaises de Bamoun à Foumban, (T/PET.5/29-  
4/25),
- (4) Petition from the Population of the Yabassi subdivision,  
(T/PET.5/44),
- (5) Petition from Association des Chefs Coutumiers de la Sanaga-  
Maritime, (T/PET.5/73),

/Having taken  
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Having taken note of the oral statement of the special representative on this subject,

Having noted the statement of the Administering Authority that the French Administration endeavours to respect the traditional institutions as far as they are not inimical to the democratic evolution of the Territory,

The Trusteeship Council

- (1) Expresses the hope that the Administering Authority will take all possible steps to place native administration on a more representative basis;
- (2) Decides to inform the petitioners that the question of native administration 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;
- (3) Draws the attention of the petitioners to the resolution on political advancement adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its sixth session, the text of which reads as follows:

"The Council notes with approval the practice of the Administering Authority in regard to traditional indigenous institutions, which although according due respect to these institutions does not permit them to hinder the development of more modern and progressive forms of government.";
- (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.

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