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UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION

Agreed statement by Mr. John Foncha, Premier of the Southern
Camercons and Dr. E.M.L. Endeley, Leader of the Opposition
in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly

Coming back to the United Nations after six months, we, the elected leaders of the government and political parties in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly, have been greatly encouraged, as we were at the resumed thirteenth session, by the friendly interest of delegations and their concern for the welfare of our people. We for our part are anxious, by reaching agreement among ourselves as to the next step to be taken, to help the work of the Fourth Committee and still more important to promote the future well-being of our people.

We have had the advantage of discussions with the representatives of African Member States in the United Nations, whose sympathy and help we greatly appreciate, and with our colleagues in the United Kingdom delegation, who share with us the task of interpreting to the United Nations the wishes and aspirations of the people of the Southern Cameroons.

We are both of us of course anxious that the Southern Cameroons should attain independence as early as circumstances permit in the form most suited to its circumstances and the wishes of the people. But, since the parties represented in the House of Assembly were not able to agree during recent discussions in the Southern Cameroons on the arrangements for a plebiscite in 1960, we think that it would be wiser to defer consultation with the people for the time being.

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Subject therefore to the agreement of the General Assembly, we are agreed as follows:

- (1) There should be no plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons in 1960.
- (2) Pending settlement of its future the Southern Cameroons should continue to be administered under the present Trusteeship Agreement, but separately from Nigeria. We understand that the United Kingdom Government would be prepared to continue to administer it on this basis.
- (3) The separation of the administration of the Southern Cameroons from that of the Federation of Nigeria should be completed not later than the date on which the Federation of Nigeria becomes independent.
- (4) The Administering Authority, in consultation with the Government and Legislature of the Southern Cameroons, should take steps to complete the separation of the administration of the Southern Cameroons from that of the Federation of Nigeria not later than 1 October 1960, the date on which the Federation of Nigeria becomes independent.
- (5) The Administering Authority, in co-operation with the Government and people of the Southern Cameroons, should work towards the achievement of the objectives of the Trusteeship System in accordance with Article 76 (b) of the Charter.
- (6) In the light of the above we suggest that the General Assembly should decide to consider this question not later than its sixteenth session with a view to ascertaining the wishes of the people of the Territory in 1962 as to their future.
- (7) We would be agreeable if the General Assembly should recommend that, in agreement with the Administering Authority, the Trusteeship Agreement should be terminated not later than 26 October 1962, in accordance with Article 76 of the United Nations Charter.
