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THE FUTURE OF THE TRUST TERRITORIES OF THE CAMEROONS UNDER  
FRENCH ADMINISTRATION AND THE CAMEROONS UNDER UNITED KINGDOM  
ADMINISTRATION

The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under  
French Administration

Statement by the Secretary-General of the financial implications  
of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/L.581

1. The present note is submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 154 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
2. The draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/L.581 recommends that prior to 1 January 1960, general elections be held in the Cameroons under French Administration under the supervision of the United Nations; a United Nations Commissioner would be elected who would supervise the elections, assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Commissioner.
3. While precise estimates would need to await the maturing of plans, it appears reasonable to assume that the expenditures which would be incurred by the United Nations for the supervision of the elections would be similar to those involved in the holding, in 1958, of elections in Togoland under French administration. Some twenty-five observers would be required, as compared with twenty-one in the case of the elections in Togoland under French administration; the basic staff services to be provided to the Commissioner might perhaps involve the assignment of five professional officers with the necessary secretarial, clerical and Field Service supporting staff. Thus it is possible

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to give a preliminary estimate of \$150,000 as the financial implications of the draft resolution in document A/C.4/L.581; the expenditures would all relate to the financial year 1959.

4. It is to be noted that these estimates, as well as those submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/C.4/L.585 relating to the financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/L.582, presuppose that it will be possible to provide the staff and observers required from present resources without replacement. While the Secretary-General would, of course, make every effort to do so, this is one factor which might affect the estimates presented both in this note and in document A/C.4/L.585.

5. In the event of the adoption of the draft resolution by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General proposes to incur such expenses as are required under the authority of paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 1339 (XIII) relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for 1959. As actual plans for the elections called for by the draft resolution were developed, the Secretary-General would submit detailed estimates for these requirements to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for its concurrence prior to incurring expenditures. The requirements would in accordance with existing practice subsequently be included in the supplementary estimates for 1959.

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