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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

Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Libya, Morocco, the Sudan, Tunisia and  
the United Arab Republic: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1281 (XIII) of 5 December 1958, calling for the resumption of its thirteenth session to consider the question of the Trust Territories of the Cameroons under French administration and the Cameroons under British administration and its resolution 1282 (XIII) of 5 December 1958,

Having examined the report of the Trusteeship Council, including the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa, 1958, on the Cameroons under French administration (T/1427 and T/1434), and having also considered the observations of the Administering Authority on it,

Taking into account the statements made in the Fourth Committee by the representative of the Administering Authority and by the Prime Minister of the Cameroons under French administration,

Noting the assurances given by the Prime Minister of the Cameroons under French administration that the amnesty law adopted by the Legislative Assembly on 14 February 1959 will be put into effect with the least possible delay,

Noting the statements of the representatives of the Cameroons Government that it welcomes the return of all Cameroonians who in recent years have left the country and invites them to re-enter normal life without fear of reprisal,

Taking into account the declarations of the Administering Authority and the Government of the Cameroons under French administration that the Trust Territory will become completely independent on 1 January 1960, and the assurances by the representative of France that his Government will sponsor the application that will thereupon be made by the Government of the Cameroons to be admitted to membership of the United Nations,

Noting further the statements of the representatives of the Cameroons under French administration regarding the need to hold elections in the near future,

Considering the desirability that such elections be held under the supervision of the United Nations to ensure complete freedom and the widest participation of the people of the Cameroons under French administration, and to facilitate the peaceful transition of the Territory from trusteeship to independence,

Having heard different views expressed by petitioners from the Territory concerned,

1. Resolves in agreement with the Administering Authority that on 1 January 1960 when the Cameroons under French administration becomes independent the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Recommends to the Administering Authority and the Government of the Cameroons under French administration the abrogation of the decree of 13 July 1955, which declared illegal certain political parties and organizations in the Territory;

3. Recommends that prior to 1 January 1960, general elections based on universal adult suffrage be held under the supervision of the United Nations;

4. Decides to elect a Commissioner who shall supervise the general elections to the Legislative Assembly and who shall be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with **him**;

5. Requests the Administering Authority and the Government of the Cameroons under French administration to make, in consultation with the United Nations Commissioner, the arrangements for the organization and conduct of the general elections to the Legislative Assembly;

6. Requests the Commissioner to submit to the Trusteeship Council, for consideration and for transmission to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session a report on the organization, conduct and results of the elections;

7. Recommends that upon the attainment of independence on 1 January 1960 the Cameroons under French administration shall be admitted to membership of the United Nations according to Article 4 of the Charter.

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