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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 United Kingdom administration

Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, Italy, Japan, New  
Zealand and Pakistan: revised draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1282 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 requesting the Trusteeship Council to examine at the earliest possible time during the twenty-third session the reports of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa, 1958, on the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration and the Cameroons under French administration and to transmit them, with observations and recommendations, to the General Assembly not later than 20 February 1959 to enable the Assembly to take, in consultation with the Administering Authorities, the necessary measures in connexion with the full attainment of the objectives of the Trusteeship System.

Having examined, in consultation with the Administering Authority, the report of the Trusteeship Council, including the report of the Visiting Mission on the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration,

Noting the statements made in the Fourth Committee by the representatives of the Administering Authority, by the Premier of the Southern Cameroons, by the Leader of the Opposition in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly, and by the Minister for Northern Cameroons Affairs in the Government of the Northern Region of Nigeria,

1. Recommends that the Administering Authority, in pursuance of Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations, take steps, in consultation with a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, to organize, under the supervision of the United Nations, separate plebiscites in the Northern and Southern parts of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, in order to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory concerning their future;

2. Recommends further that in the Northern part of the Territory the plebiscite should take place about the middle of November 1959, that the people of the Northern part of the Territory should be asked:

"(a) Do you wish the Northern Cameroons to be part of the Northern Region of Nigeria when the Federation of Nigeria becomes independent?

or

"(b) Are you in favour of deciding the future of the Northern Cameroons at a later date?"

and that the plebiscite should be conducted on the basis of the electoral register at present being compiled for the elections to the Federal House of Representatives;

3. Recommends further that the plebiscite in the Southern part of the Territory should be conducted during the next dry season between the beginning of December 1959 and the end of April 1960;

4. Decides that the two alternatives to be put to the people of the Southern part of the Territory and the qualifications for voting in the plebiscite there should be considered at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly;

5. Expresses the hope that all concerned in the Territory will endeavour to reach agreement before the opening of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly on the alternatives to be put in the plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons and the qualifications for voting in it;

6. Decides to appoint a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner who shall exercise on behalf of the General Assembly all the necessary powers and functions of supervision, and who shall be assisted by observers and staff to be appointed by the Secretary-General in consultation with him;

7. Requests the Plebiscite Commissioner to submit to the Trusteeship Council a report in two parts on the organization, conduct and results of the plebiscites; the first part of the report, which shall deal with the Northern

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part of the Territory, to be submitted in time for transmission to the General Assembly for consideration before the end of its fourteenth session;

8. Requests the Trusteeship Council to transmit to it the reports of the Plebiscite Commissioner, together with any recommendations and observations it considers necessary.

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