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PETITIONS CIRCULATED UNDER RULE 85, PARAGRAPH 2, AND COMMUNICATIONS CIRCULATED UNDER RULE 24

Draft report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. Luc Smolderen (Belgium)

- 1. The Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Belgium, China, France, Guatemala, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has, as provided in rule 90, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council, examined further petitions circulated under rule 85, paragraph 2, and further communications circulated under rule 24, in order to decide which, if any of them, should have the established procedure concerning petitions applied to them.
- 2. In carrying out this examination, which took place at the 440th and meetings, on 8 May and May 1957, the Standing Committee had before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat (T/C.2/L.300) which contains lists of petitions and communications, brief summaries of their contents and the ground for their initial classification by the Secretariat.
- 3. The Committee desires to record that proposals to apply the established procedure for the examination of petitions to the following documents were rejected by 3 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions:

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The Notables of Various Categories of the Bafoussam Subdivision

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- 4. Under rule 90, paragraph 5 of the rules of procedure, the Committee is required to make such recommendations as it deems necessary concerning the consideration by the Council of the petitions circulated under rule 85, paragraph 2, and the communications circulated under rule 24. In this connexion the Committee recalls that the Council approved the recommendations contained in the Committee's report on procedure for the examination of petitions (T/L.465, paragraph 16-20) that general question petitions as well as general problems raised in communications should, as a general rule, be considered by the Council during the examination of the next annual report on the Territory to which they refer and that the working paper prepared by the Secretariat on conditions in each Trust Territory should contain an annex setting forth, under headings corresponding to those in the working paper, the problems raised in such petitions and communications.
- 5. The Committee recommends that the following general questions petitions and communications be considered by the Trusteeship Council when it examines the annual report of the Territory concerned:

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T/COM.5/I..206 and Add.1-2

- 6. As regards a petition contained in T/PET.7/R.2 and Add.1, the Committee recommends that it be taken into consideration by the Council when next it considers the future of Togoland under French administration.
- 7. The Committee has no further recommendations to make to the Council concerning communications other than those which raise general problems or which relate to the subject matter of petitions.
- 8. This report was adopted by the Committee at its meeting on May 1957, by votes to , with abstentions.