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PETITIONS CIRCULATED UNDER RULE 85 AND COMMUNICATIONS CIRCULATED UNDER RULE 24

Draft report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

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1. The Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of China, France, India, Italy, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has, in accordance with paragraph 8 of the annex to Trusteeship Council resolution 1713 (XX), and as provided in rule 90, paragraph 3 of the rules of procedure, considered the first six reports of the Committee on Classification of Communications.
2. At its 460th, 461st and 462nd meetings, the Committee had before it the recommendations of the Committee on Classification of Communications contained in documents T/C.2/L.310-315 inclusive. After consideration of these reports, the Standing Committee on Petitions submits the following recommendations to the Trusteeship Council:
3. First report, T/C.2/L.310
 - (a) The two communications circulated in documents T/CCM.7/L.51 and 52, concerning the incidents which took place in June 1957 at Mango and Lama-Kara in the Trust Territory of Togoland should be considered together with T/PET.7/534 concerning the same incidents.
 - (b) The established procedure should be applied to the communications circulated in documents T/CCM.7/L.53, 54 and 55.

4. Second report, T/C.2/L.311

(a) The established procedure should be applied to the petitions listed in paragraph 3.

(b) The petitions concerning general problems in the Cameroons under French administration and in Togoland, circulated in documents T/PET.5/L.446 and T/PET.7/L.34 respectively, should be taken into consideration by the Trusteeship Council when it examines the annual reports of the two Territories concerned.

(c) The communications circulated in documents T/CCM.4/L.24 concerning the Cameroons under British administration and T/CCM.7/L.47 concerning Togoland should be taken into consideration by the Trusteeship Council when it examines the annual reports of the two Territories concerned.

(d) The two communications circulated in documents T/CCM.7/L.48 and 49, concerning the incidents which took place in June 1957 at Mango and Lama-Kara in the Trust Territory of Togoland, should be considered together with T/PET.7/534 concerning the same incidents.

5. Third report, T/C.2/L.312

(a) The established procedure should be applied to the petitions listed in paragraph 3.

(b) The recommendations of the Committee on Classification of Communications concerning the petitions listed in paragraphs 4 and 5 should be approved.

(c) The communications circulated in documents T/COM.2/L.40 concerning Tanganyika and T/COM.4 and 5/L.2 concerning the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration should be taken into consideration by the Trusteeship Council when it examines the annual reports of the three Territories concerned.

6. Fourth report, T/C.2/L.313

(a) The established procedure should be applied to the petitions listed in paragraphs 3 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) (i). A proposal to apply the established procedure to T/PET.4 and 5/11, which the Classification Committee had recommended should be reclassified under rule 85, paragraph 2, was rejected by 4 votes to 2. The recommendation of the Classification Committee that two

petitions T/PET.7/531 and 533 should be reclassified as inadmissible under rule 81, was approved by 4 votes to one with one abstention. A proposal by the Classification Committee that the last complaint in T/PET.5/888, section 2, should be regarded as inadmissible under rule 81, was approved by 4 votes to one, with one abstention.

(b) The 332 petitions listed in paragraph (f) (ii) should be reclassified under rule 85, paragraph 2. A proposal that the specific complaints contained in these petitions should be examined by the Standing Committee on Petitions in conjunction with other specific petitions which concern the same incidents or independently, as the case may be, was rejected by 3 votes to 2, with one abstention.

(c) A proposal, under rule 90, paragraph 3, that the established procedure should not be applied to the petitions listed in paragraph (f) (iii), which the Classification Committee had recommended should be reclassified under rule 24, was approved by 3 votes to 2, with one abstention.

(d) With reference to paragraph (f) (iv) the recommendation of the Classification Committee was approved by 3 votes to one, with 2 abstentions. Thus the 545 petitions listed therein should be considered as inadmissible under rule 81.

7. Fifth report, T/C.2/L.314

The recommendations of the Classification Committee set out in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 should be approved. A proposal that the established procedure should be applied to fifteen communications listed in paragraph 6 (c) and circulated in documents T/COM.7/L.56-70 inclusive was rejected by 3 votes to 2, with one abstention. The proposal of the Classification Committee that T/COM.7/L.70 should be considered inadmissible under rule 81 was approved by 3 votes to 2, with one abstention.

8. Sixth report, T/C.2/L.315

(a) The recommendations of the Classification Committee set out in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 should be approved. A proposal that the established procedure should be applied to three communications listed in paragraphs 5 (a) and (b) and circulated in documents T/COM.2/L.43 and T/COM.5/L.214, was rejected by 3 votes to 2, with one abstention. A proposal that the communication circulated

in document T/CCM.5/L.218 should be taken into consideration by the Trusteeship Council when it examines the annual report of the Cameroons under French administration, failed to be adopted because, after following the procedure laid down in rule 38 of the rules of procedure, the votes for and against the proposal were equally divided.

(b) It was decided to postpone consideration of the recommendation regarding document T/COM.5/L.219, mentioned in paragraph 5 (b), in view of the fact that it was available only in the original French version.
