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## EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS

Draft 232nd report of the Standing Committee on PetitionsChairman: Mr. M. RASGOTRA (India)

1. The Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Australia, Belgium, China, France, India and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, presents the Trusteeship Council with this report on the progress it has achieved during its series of meetings from 19 January 1959 up to the present in examining the petitions listed in Part A of the annex to the agenda of the twenty-third session of the Council, <sup>1/</sup> excluding those petitions which are marked with a single asterisk and on which the Standing Committee has already reported to the Council. <sup>2/</sup>

2. The Standing Committee held a total of twelve meetings during which it examined 105 of the 739 petitions on the agenda and approved the reports

1/ T/1422/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

2/ See T/L.819, Sections VIII, IX, XI and XII;

T/L.820, Sections V, XI and XII;

T/L.821, Sections IX and XII;

T/L.825, Sections V and VIII;

T/L.826, Sections I, III, V-IX, XII-XIV;

T/L.832, Sections I-XI.

See also T/L.833, paragraphs 5-7, and Report of the Trusteeship Council to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly, A/3822, Chapter III, paragraphs 10-12.

thereon which contained the decisions it recommended for adoption by the Council.<sup>3/</sup>

3. The following table shows, by Territory, the number of petitions and documents that were listed for examination, the number of petitions examined and the number of petitions and documents still awaiting examination:

Territory	<u>Listed for examination</u>			<u>Awaiting examination</u>	
	<u>Number of documents</u>	<u>Corresponding number of petitions</u>	<u>Number of petitions examined</u>	<u>Number of documents</u>	<u>Corresponding number of petitions</u>
Tanganyika	9	9	9	0	0
Ruanda-Urundi	5	5	0	5	5
British Cameroons	15	72	71	1	1
British and French Cameroons	3	37	25 <sup>4/</sup>	1	12
French Cameroons	80	584	0	80	584
Togoland	22	22	0	22	22
Somaliland	10	10	0	10	10
Totals	144	739	105	119	634

4. With regard to the petitions concerning Ruanda-Urundi, Togoland and Somaliland, no special representative from those Territories was present during the twenty-third session of the Council and therefore the petitions could not be examined.

<sup>3/</sup> The reports are contained in T/L.893 relating to the petitions concerning Tanganyika; T/L.903 relating to the petitions concerning the Cameroons under British administration; and T/L.904 relating to the petitions concerning the Cameroons under British administration and the Cameroons under French administration.

<sup>4/</sup> Examined only in so far as they relate to the Cameroons under British administration.

5. The Standing Committee, at its 504th meeting on 18 March 1959, took up the question of the examination of petitions concerning the Cameroons under French administration. The Committee noted that, out of the 621 petitions concerning the Cameroons under French administration which were on the agenda, written observations from the Administering Authority had been received on twenty-five only. The representative of France stated that his Government had been unable to put a special representative at the disposal of the Standing Committee on Petitions during its recent meetings; he added that his Government would draw the attention of the Camerconian Government, more particularly of its Prime Minister, to the situation in the Trusteeship Council concerning the examination of these pending petitions, and that he might be in a position to make a more definite statement in this connexion at the twenty-fourth session of the Council.

6. This report was adopted at the 505th meeting of the Committee on 19 March 1959 by        votes to        , with        abstentions.

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