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Draft 246th report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. M. Rasgotra (India)

1. The Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Belgium, China, France, India, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, presents the Trusteeship Council with this report on the progress it has achieved during its meetings from 25 January 1960 up to the present in examining the petitions listed in Part A of the annex to the agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the Council.^{1/}
2. The Standing Committee held a total of five meetings^{2/} and examined three of the 298 petitions remaining on the agenda after the Council had approved the Standing Committee's suggestion, as contained in its 243rd report,^{3/} that no further action was called for on communications concerning the former Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration in view of the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement for that Territory on 1 January 1960. The Standing Committee approved two reports containing recommendations for adoption by the Council on the three petitions examined.^{4/}
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:

^{1/} T/1496/Add.1.

^{2/} T/C.2/SR.528 - 532.

^{3/} T/L.957, paragraph 3.

^{4/} T/C.2/L.408 and L.409.

<u>Territory</u>	<u>Listed for examination</u>			<u>Awaiting examination</u>		
	<u>Number of documents</u>	<u>Corre-sponding number of petitions</u>	<u>Number of petitions examined</u>	<u>Number of documents</u>	<u>Corre-sponding number of petitions</u>	<u>Number of pending petitions on which observations have been received to date</u>
Tanganyika	8	8	0	8	8	6
Ruanda-Urundi	11	11	3	8	8	0
Cameroons under United Kingdom administration	87	124	0	87	124	96
Togoland under French administration	22	22	0	22	22	19
New Guinea	3	3	0	3	3	3
Nauru	1	1	0	1	1	0
Pacific Islands	2	2	0	2	2	1
Somaliland under Italian administration	54	127	0	54	127	8
Totals	188	298	3	185	295	133

4. The Standing Committee decided to defer consideration of the remainder of the petitions concerning Ruanda-Urundi and of all the other petitions listed in the annex to the agenda until the twenty-sixth session of the Trusteeship Council, at which time it was expected that the Administering Authorities concerned would be able to provide Special Representatives to assist the Standing Committee.

5. The representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics expressed the opinion that the Standing Committee should have proceeded with the examination of all the petitions listed in the agenda, notwithstanding the absence of Special Representatives. He made the further point that the Standing Committee on Petitions, being a standing organ of the Council, should meet as often as necessary between sessions of the Council in order to examine petitions on the agenda.

6. This report was adopted at the meeting of the Standing Committee on February 1960 by votes to with abstention.
