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EXAMINATION OF PETITIONS

First Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. M. P. Aquino (Philippines)

1. At the fourth meeting of its seventh session, the Trusteeship Council, acting in accordance with rule 90 of the rules of procedure, established an Ad Hoc Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Belgium, China, the Dominican Republic, New Zealand, the Philippines and the United States of America, with the task of undertaking a preliminary examination of written petitions and of any observations which the Administering Authority concerned might have circulated in accordance with rule 86 (2). The Committee was also instructed to submit a report to the Trusteeship Council on each petition considered by it, together with its recommendations as to the action to be taken by the Council in each case.
2. At its first meeting, on 14 June 1950, the Committee unanimously elected Mr. M. P. Aquino as its Chairman and Rapporteur.
3. The Committee was instructed by the Council to examine the request for an oral hearing, made by Mr. J. E. A. Togne, in his petition concerning the Cameroons under French administration (document T/PET.5/79).
4. The Committee examined this question at its first meeting on 14 June 1950. Mr. Laurentie participated in this examination as the special representative of the Administering Authority.
5. The special representative of the Administering Authority expressed the opinion that no oral hearing should be granted to the petitioner because he was not - as he claimed - qualified to speak on behalf of the Representative Assembly of the Cameroons, and because, after the recent report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa, and in view of the fact that he was living in Paris, he could not bring to the Trusteeship Council

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additional information of any value. Furthermore, his petition was of a very general character, and did not justify the extraordinary procedure of an oral presentation before the Council.

6. The Committee decided to recommend to the Council not to grant an oral hearing to the petitioner.
