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

### Fifty-fourth report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. Roberto E. Quiros (El Salvador)

1. The Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Australia, Belgium, El Salvador, Syria, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom, 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.<sup>1/</sup>
2. In carrying out this examination, which took place at the 97th, 98th, 99th, 112th and 114th meetings on 10 September 1953, 13, 25 and 26 January 1954 respectively, the Standing Committee had before it working papers prepared by the Secretariat (T/C.2/L.52, 52/Add.1 and 55) which contain lists of the documents, brief summaries of their contents and grounds for their initial classification by the Secretariat.
3. As a result of its examination, the Committee decided that the established procedure should be applied to the following petitions and communications, all of which will be reported upon separately by the Committee in due course:

<sup>1/</sup> For the Committee's report on previous petitions and communications circulated under these rules, see T/L.337.

- (a) Petitions and communications included in the provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Council:

Petitioners:

Symbol:

Mr. E. Rabaud

T/Pet.3/L.2<sup>1/</sup>

"Fédération d'Agriculture et Forêts de l'Union  
des Syndicats Confédérés du Cameroun"

T/PET.5/L.8

T/PET.5/L.8/Add.1

Nana Agboka

T/PET.6/L.7

Secretary-General of the Togoland Congress

T/PET.6/L.8

Chief Alphonse Avogbedo Gbede and Inhabitants of  
Gape-Atsave

T/PET.6 and 7/L.12

Members of JUVENTO attending a private meeting  
Chief Dahir Sciacul

T/COM.7/L.13

T/PET.11/L.5

- (b) Petitions and communications not reclassified in time for inclusion in the provisional agenda for the thirteenth session:

Petitioners:

Symbol:

"Union des Populations du Cameroun", Central  
Committee of Bafang

T/PET.5/L.13<sup>2/</sup>

President of the "Association des Anciens  
Combattants de la Région Bamiléké"

T/COM.5/L.26/Add.1

Chairman of the Women's Division of the "Comité  
de l'Unité Togolaise"

T/PET.7/L.6

Mr. A. Isidore Sedo

T/PET.7/L.7

"Unione Giovani Benadir"

T/PET.11/L.8

Somali Youth League

T/COM.11/L.85

4. The Committee desires to record that proposals were made that the established procedure concerning petitions should be applied also to the under-mentioned petitions and communications, but that the proposals failed to be adopted because, even after following the procedure laid down in rule 38 of the rules of procedure, the votes for and against the proposals were equal:

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1/ Petition reclassified by the Standing Committee on Petitions in respect of its annex only.

2/ Petition reclassified by the Standing Committee on Petitions in respect only of the case of Mr. Moucheli Issac.

Petitioners:

Mr. Bernard Richard Memba  
"Bureau de l'Union des Populations du Cameroun"  
Chief John Amanie  
Mr. J.K.A. Quashie  
Mr. Yehaba F. Namgbi  
Mr. Amewogno Djisso  
Mr. Hounsouglo Tamede

Symbol:

T/COM.2/L.10  
T/COM.5/L.29 1/  
T/PET.6/L.10  
T/PET.6 and 7/L.8  
T/PET.7/L.4  
T/COM.7/L.15  
T/COM.7/L.16

(Summaries of the contents of these petitions and communications appear, respectively, in: T/C.2/L.55, paragraphs 1 and 15; T/C.2/L.52, paragraphs 25, 35 and 44; and T/C.2/L.55, paragraphs 58 and 59.)

5. The Committee recommends that the following petitions be added to Part B of the annex to the provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Council:

Petitioners:

The "Comité de Bangui-Chari (Nkongsamba) de l'Union  
des Populations du Cameroun"  
The Togo Youth Information Service  
Citizens of Southern Togoland  
The Togoland Youth Association  
The General Chairman, "Comité de l'Unité Togolaise"

Symbol:

T/COM.5/L.25  
T/PET.6/L.40  
T/PET.6/L.41  
T/COM.6/L.27  
T/PET.6 and 7/L.19

6. 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; in the first place, the petitions circulated under rule 85, paragraph 2. The Committee recommends, subject to the recommendation contained in the succeeding paragraph, that such petitions should be considered by the Council during its next examination of conditions in the territories to which they relate.

7. Among the petitions included in the agenda for the thirteenth session, and among the five which the Committee has recommended should be added to the agenda, are a number which relate either wholly or in part to the Togoland unification problem. These are:

T/PET.6/L.9 - 41  
T/COM.6/L.27  
T/PET.6 and 7/L.7 - 11; 13 - 19

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1/ A subsequent proposal that the author of T/COM.5/L.29 be asked whether he intended that his communication should be regarded as a petition to the Trusteeship Council was, however, adopted by 4 votes to one, with one abstention.

The Committee recommends that, if the Council considers in substance the Togoland unification problem at its thirteenth session, these petitions should be then considered in so far as they relate to that item. The Committee also recommends that the Secretary-General should be instructed to send to the authors of these petitions, in addition to the appropriate documentation of the Trusteeship Council concerning the questions which they have raised, the following documentation of the General Assembly:

- A/2424 - The Ewe and Togoland unification problem: special report of the Trusteeship Council;
- A/2605 - The Ewe and Togoland unification problem: report of the Fourth Committee;
- A/RESOLUTION/172 - The Togoland unification problem: Resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its 469th plenary meeting on 8 December 1953.

8. Under rule 90, paragraph 5, of the rules of procedure, the Committee is required also to make such recommendations as it deems necessary concerning the consideration by the Council of the communications circulated under rule 24. These communications are listed in the working papers prepared by the Secretariat to which reference was made in paragraph 2 above (T/C.2/L.52, 52/Add.1 and 55) and the Committee has no recommendation to make in this respect.

9. This report was adopted by the Committee at its 114th meeting, on 26 January 1954, by 3 votes in favour, 2 against and one abstention.

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