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ADDENDUM

Note: The Drafting Committee on the Cameroons under French Administration has approved the following amendments and additions to document T/L.406. They are based on additional information contained in the annual report and in the statements made before the Council by the Special Representative of the Administering Authority and the Representative of France.

GENERAL

Frontier Problems: Demand for Unification

1. Page 3, heading: Amend the heading to read: "Frontier Problems: Question of Unification".

POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT

Integration of the Cameroons within the French Union

2. Page 4: At the end of the second paragraph, add the following:

"The Special Representative of the Administering Authority informed the Council at its thirteenth session that in October 1953 the Territorial Assembly had elected representatives of the Territory to the Assembly of the French Union. Out of the five seats to be filled, four had been granted to members elected from the second electoral college,<sup>1/</sup> who had thus gained one seat in relation to the 1947 elections."

3. Page 4, third paragraph, fourth line: Replace the word "thus" by "in practical terms" (English only).

Exercise of Political Rights

4. Page 5, last paragraph, last line: Replace the words "532,475 in 1951 and 580,000 in 1952" by the words "564,335 on 31 March 1952 and to about 600,000 on 31 March 1953".

5. Page 6, first paragraph, first line: Replace the words "the number of representatives elected by the two colleges differ" by "each electoral college has its own separate representation" (English only).

6. Page 6, second paragraph, 5th and 6th lines: Replace the words "Noting that in the elections of 17 June 1951, the percentage of abstention had been 55, the Council" by the words "The Council, which noted that in the elections of 17 June 1951, 55 per cent of the registered voters had not voted".

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<sup>1/</sup> The system of electoral colleges is dealt with in the next section.

The Territorial Assembly

7. Page 9, first paragraph, 2nd line: After the words "considered that" insert the words "the desire of the population as well as" (English only).

8. Page 9: After the first paragraph, add a second paragraph as follows:

"The representative of the Administering Authority stated at the thirteenth session of the Council that he hoped that the French Parliament would consider the political reforms concerning the Territory before the summer of 1954. These reforms would in particular increase the deliberative powers of the Territorial Assembly."

Regional administration and rural mixed communes

9. Page 10, heading: Delete the word "rural".

10. Page 10, fourth paragraph: Replace the first two sentences by the following words:

"There are at present twelve urban mixed communes in the Territory. Two of these communes (Douala and Yaoundé) were established in 1941; seven (Ebolowa, Edéa, N'Kongsamba, Mbalmayo, Kribi, Sangmelima and Caroua) during 1950 and 1951; three (Ngaoundéré, Bafoussam and Bafang) in 1953."

11. Page 11, third paragraph: Delete the first sentence and add after the paragraph a fourth paragraph as follows:

"With regard to urban mixed communes, the Special Representative of the Administering Authority stated at the thirteenth session of the Council that three new communes had been established in 1953, at Ngaoundéré, Bafoussam and Bafang. Furthermore, the Administration had prepared a draft reform providing for the establishment of elected municipal councils in the communes of Douala and Yaoundé and would submit it to the Territorial Assembly for advice during 1954."

## ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT

### General

12. Page 16, second paragraph, 1st line: Replace the word "reported" by the words "stated in its report for 1952".
13. Page 16, second paragraph, 3rd line: Insert after the words "15 per cent" the words "during the year".
14. Page 16: At the end of the second paragraph, add the following:

"In this connexion, its Special Representative declared at the thirteenth session of the Council that during the first nine months of 1953 exports had increased in volume and value in relation to the corresponding period of 1952 and that at the beginning of the year 1954 the economic situation of the Territory appeared to be favourable in spite of difficulties in the international field."

### Mines

15. Page 22, fifth paragraph, 4th line: Replace "81,000 kilogrammes" by "81 kilogrammes".

### Public finance and taxation

16. Page 27, fourth paragraph, last line: Delete the words "for the years 1951 and 1952".
17. Page 27, fifth paragraph, 1st line: Replace the words "all persons" by the words "all adult males".
18. Page 28, table, last column, second line: Replace "750 frs." by "900 frs.".

## SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT

### Human rights and fundamental freedoms

19. Page 30: Add after the second paragraph a third paragraph as follows:

"In reply to these complaints, the Special Representative of the Administering Authority stated at the thirteenth session of the Council that no persecution was exercised against any organization in the Cameroons and that

racial discrimination was not practised in the Territory. He explained that there was a special hospital in Douala for Africans, because the living conditions to which they were accustomed were different from those of Europeans."

#### Labour

20. Page 33: After the first paragraph, insert a second paragraph as follows:

"The Special Representative of the Administering Authority informed the Council at its thirteenth session that about twenty executive orders had been issued during 1953 in connexion with the application of the Labour Code. They regulated, in particular, hours of work, labour and apprenticeship contracts, weekly rest periods, paid holidays and minimum guaranteed wage scales for the various professions. The forty-hour week had been in force since 1 August 1953 and a territorial office for labour had been set up, to be responsible for carrying out all operations relating to the utilization and distribution of the labour force."

21. Page 33: At the end of the second paragraph, add the following:

"In reply to the complaint by the Union des Syndicats confédérés du Cameroun, the Special Representative of the Administering Authority explained that the hours of work were longer for agricultural workers because of the particular conditions of agricultural work and that the same system was applied in France. As regards the assertion of the Association des Chômeurs de la Sanaga-Maritime, he stated that it was unfounded."

22. Page 34: At the end of the fourth paragraph, add the following:

"In this connexion, the Administering Authority stated that the decision to prohibit the circulation of certain of their publications had been taken because the political propaganda contained in these publications was liable to disturb the peace in the Territory."

#### Wages and standards of living

23. Page 35: At the end of the third paragraph, add the following:

"The Special Representative of the Administering Authority stated at the thirteenth session of the Council that as a result of the application of the forty-hour week since 1 August 1953, the minimum wages had been increased by 15 to 20 per cent."

Public Health

24. Page 36, second paragraph, 1st line: Insert the words "of the Health Service" after the words "skilled medical personnel".

EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Secondary education

25. Page 41: After the third paragraph, add a fourth paragraph as follows:

"The total number of pupils attending secondary schools in the Territory in 1952 was 3,008 of whom 1,058 were being trained for teaching: 520 in public schools and 538 in private schools."

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