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

121st report of the Standing Committee on Petitions

Chairman: Mr. Michel de Camaret (France)

1. The Standing Committee on Petitions, composed of the representatives of Australia, France, India, Syria, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America, 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.
2. In carrying out this examination, which took place at the 243rd and 244th meetings on 25 and 26 May 1955, the Committee had before it a working paper prepared by the Secretariat (T/C.2/L.149)^{1/} which contains lists of the petitions and communications, brief summaries of their contents and the 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 communication, which will be reported upon separately by the Committee in due course:

Author
Representatives of the Washambala

Symbol
T/COM.2/L.24

^{1/} The classification of document T/COM.11/L.173 was, however, postponed by the Committee, pending the receipt of further information from the authors.

4. The Committee also noted that the communication from the Secretary-General of the UFC of Mbalmayo (T/COM.5/L.100) contained a request that the Council should reconsider a decision taken at its 565th meeting on 27 January 1955 not to grant him a hearing. The Committee decided to bring the communication in question to the Council's attention, so that it might decide whether to grant a hearing or not.

5. The attention of the Council is drawn to the fact that the established procedure for the examination of petitions to the documents listed below 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:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Mr. Antoine Bigiranesa	T/PET.3/L.5
Mr. Barnabé Ntunguka	T/PET.3/L.6
Central Committee of the UFC of Manjo	T/PET.5/L.57
Branch of the UFC of the Bamileké Region	T/CCM.5/L.96
Mr. Hassan Mohamed Nalie and others	T/CCM.11/L.171
Senali Youth League, Branch of Dusa Mareb ^{1/}	T/COM.11/L.175

6. Proposals to apply the established procedure for the examination of petitions to the documents listed below were rejected by three votes to two with one abstention.

<u>Author</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
The Population of the Town of Akonolinga	T/PET.5/L.58
The Central Committee of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun" of Yaoundé	T/CCM.5/L.101
The Central Committee of the "Union des Populations du Cameroun" of Bafia Ville	T/CCM.5/L.109

7. Under rule 50, 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 the petitions circulated under rule 25, paragraph 2 and the communications circulated under rule 24. In this connexion the Committee recalls that the Council approved the recommendations contained in the Committee's report on procedure for the examination of petitions (T/L.465, paragraphs 16-20) that general-question petitions as well as general

^{1/} On this document, the Committee adopted a proposal to invite the Secretariat to ascertain from the petitioners whether they wished the United Nations to take action thereon.

problems raised in communications should, as a general rule, be considered by the Council during the examination of the next annual report on the Territory to which they refer and that the working paper prepared by the Secretariat on conditions in each Trust Territory should contain an annex setting forth, under headings corresponding to those in the working paper, the problems raised in such petitions and communications.

8. The Committee accordingly recommends that with the exception of the documents listed in paragraph 9 below petitions and communications raising general questions should be considered by the Council during the examination of the next annual report on the Territory to which they refer.

9. The Committee notes that the following petitions refer to the Togoland Unification Problem:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
Mr. E.K.O. Kugblenu	T/PET.6/L.62
The Gold Coast Regional Headquarters of JUVENTO	T/PET.6/L.63
Mr. Norbert Gbikpi	T/PET.6 and 7/L.44

Since this problem has been referred to the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territories of Togoland under British Administration and Togoland under French Administration, 1955 for special study, the Committee recommends that the petitions noted above should be brought to the attention of the Mission so that they may be taken into consideration by the Mission when it carries out this study.

10. The Committee recommends that the communications reproduced in the following documents should be taken into consideration together with the petitions to which they relate.

<u>Communication</u>	<u>Related Petition</u>
Communication from the "Federation des Travailleurs Agricoles, Forestiers et Paysans du Cameroun" - T/COM.5/L.98	T/PET.5/433
Communication from the Chairman of the Association for the Social and Economic Progress of the Subdivision of Ngaoundere - T/CCM.5/L.104 and Add.1	T/PET.5/560 and Add.1

11. The Committee has no recommendation to make to the Council concerning communications other than those which raise general problems or are related to particular petitions.
 12. This report was adopted by the Committee at its 248th meeting, on 2 June 1955, by five votes in favour, none against and one abstention.
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