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UNDER UNITED KINGDOM ADMINISTRATION

Report of the Standing Committee on
Administrative Unions

Chairman: U Kyaw Min (Burma)

1. Since its last report dated 24 February 1959 (T/L.898), the Standing Committee on Administrative Unions held three meetings during which it took into account the recent developments in the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration.
2. It noted that in resolution 1350 (XIII) of 13 March 1959, the General Assembly recommended that there be organized in consultation with the United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner, under the supervision of the United Nations, separate plebiscites in the Northern and Southern parts of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration in order to ascertain the wishes of the inhabitants of the Territory concerning their future. The Assembly decided to appoint a United Nations Plebiscite Commissioner to supervise these plebiscites and requested him to submit to the Trusteeship Council a report in two parts on their organization, conduct and results, the first part of the report, which should deal with the Northern part of the Territory, to be submitted in time for transmission to the Assembly for consideration before the end of its fourteenth session. The Assembly also requested the Council to transmit to it the reports of the Plebiscite Commissioner, together with any recommendations and observations it considered necessary.
3. At the 123rd meeting of the Standing Committee on Administrative Unions the representative of the United Arab Republic formally moved that the Trusteeship Council should (i) propose that the item on the agenda concerning the administrative union affecting the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration should be

maintained while the Council awaits the future developments which might make it necessary for the Standing Committee on Administrative Unions to meet again in order to examine this item, and (ii) recommend to the Administering Authority, as a conservatory measure, that no new steps should be taken which might strengthen further the administrative union between the Trust Territory and the Federation of Nigeria and which might prejudice the results of the plebiscite to be conducted in the Territory under United Nations supervision in accordance with the General Assembly resolution 1350 (XIII) of 13 March 1959.

4. At the 124th meeting of the Standing Committee the representative of the United Kingdom made a statement.
5. At the 124th meeting of the Standing Committee both proposals were put to the vote. The result of the vote on the first proposal was 1 in favour, 2 against, with 1 abstention and on the second proposal was 1 in favour, 2 against, with 1 abstention.
6. The Standing Committee noted that the future of the Trust Territory has now become primarily a direct concern of the General Assembly under the terms of General Assembly resolution 1350 (XIII) of 13 March 1959. Therefore, the Standing Committee considered it unnecessary to present a report on the operation of the administrative union affecting the Territory.
7. At its 125th meeting the Standing Committee approved the report by 3 votes in favour and 1 against.
8. In explaining their votes on the conclusion and the report as a whole, the representatives of Burma and the United Arab Republic referred to the statements made by them at the Standing Committee's 123rd, 124th and 125th meetings.
