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1352 (XIV). The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration: organization of the plebiscite in the southern part of the Territory

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1350 (XIII) of 13 March 1959 concerning the future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, which expressed the hope that all concerned in the Territory would endeavour to reach agreement before the opening of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly on the alternatives to be put in the plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons and the qualifications for voting in it,

Noting the statements made by the representative of the Administering Authority, by the Premier of the Southern Cameroons and by the Leader of the Opposition in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly to the effect that no agreement was reached before the fourteenth session of the General Assembly as to the alternatives to be put in the plebiscite and the qualifications for voting in it, and that a postponement of the plebiscite in the Southern Cameroons to a later date would help to establish more favourable conditions for ascertaining the freely expressed wishes of the population,

Noting the opinions expressed during the debate on this question at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly,¹

Noting the statements made by the Premier of the Southern Cameroons and by the Leader of the Opposition in the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly at the 898th meeting of the Fourth Committee on 7 October 1959,

1. *Decides* that the arrangements for the plebiscite referred to in General Assembly resolution 1350 (XIII) shall begin on 30 September 1960, and that the plebiscite shall be concluded not later than March 1961;

2. *Recommends* that the two questions to be put at the plebiscite should be:

“(a) Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Federation of Nigeria?”

“(b) Do you wish to achieve independence by joining the independent Republic of the Cameroons?”;

3. *Recommends* that only persons born in the Southern Cameroons or one of whose parents was born in the Southern Cameroons should vote in the plebiscite;

4. *Recommends* that the Administering Authority, in consultation with the Government of the Southern Cameroons, take steps to implement the separation of the administration of the Southern Cameroons from that of the Federation of Nigeria not later than 1 October 1960.

*829th plenary meeting,
16 October 1959.*

1356 (XIV). Petitions and communications relating to South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having accepted the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,²

Having authorized the Committee on South West Africa, by resolution 749 A (VIII) of 28 November 1953, to examine petitions in accordance with the Mandates procedure of the League of Nations,

Having received a report³ from the Committee dealing with petitions and related communications from Chief Samuel Witbooi, Chief Hosea Kutako, the Reverend Michael Scott, Mr. Jariretundu Kozonguizi, the Reverend Markus Kooper, Mr. J. Dausab and others in the Hoachanas Native Reserve, Chief P. Keharanyo, Mr. Jacobus Beukes, Messrs. J. G. A. Diergaardt, J. H. Mall, P. Diergaardt and others in the Rehoboth Community, Messrs. Toivo Ja-Toivo and F. Isaacs, Mr. Neville Rubin, and Mr. Hans Beukes,

Noting that these petitions and communications raise questions concerning various aspects of the administration of the Territory of South West Africa and of

² *International status of South West Africa, Advisory Opinion: I.C.J. Reports 1950, p. 128.*

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/4191), part I, section III.*

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 885th to 899th and 901st to 903rd meetings.*