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PETITION FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE OF THE "UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN"
OF KAMKOP CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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paragraph 2 of the rules of procedure of
the Trusteeship Council)

To the United Nations

Sir,

1. In this petition, I have the honour to refer to the resolution adopted in the declaration of the aforementioned agreements, since the French Government has refused to admit - on the ground that authorized trade unions are not necessary in Kamerun - that the Cameroonians can conclude contracts with the French Government.
2. It is due to the efforts of the UPC that, since 1948, Cameroonians have been able to try to cultivate young coffee trees in their fields. Since 1936 there were only a few spots in the region which had suitable soil where they could grow their own coffee, and it was in 1940 that some Cameroonians made secret requests to cultivate coffee. The French Government authorised them to become members of the French union, called the agricultural co-operative, before approving them as coffee growers.
3. But after permission was granted to form a trade union the co-operative ceased to exist, and now in 1956 we understand that there is another union of which we know nothing and which puzzles us. It is named Sape and its members roam everywhere from village to village and from house to house numbering the coffee trees and there is no security against theft. It is impossible to locate the headquarters of Sape. Therefore the Cameroonians repudiate the French agricultural union called Sape.
4. All the petitions presented by Cameroonians to the United Nations Visiting Mission in 1955 were fruitless. Almost all of us who form the

National Front request freedom and the Immediate Independence and Reunification of Kamerun! What a demonstration there was at Douala on 8 July 1956, and again on 24 to 26 May, when the United Nations flag was raised.

5. Because all Kameroonians are opposed to the loi-cadre and internal autonomy, why deprive the Kameroonians; there are many agreements with the French Government with regard to trade unions.

6. Who are the Kameroonians nominated, as representatives of the National Front, to go to San Francisco to ratify the loi-cadre and autonomy?

7. What was the reason for the dissolution of political parties in Kamerun? How many European foreigners have been expelled from Kamerun by the UPC?

8. It is the duty of the United Nations to listen to our mournful pleas and to take steps to relieve our distress.

Listen to our cries in our deepest misery. We have the honour to be etc.

Bamoungoum^{1/} 14 August 1956

Region of Noun Bamiliké Bfoussam
Kamerun

Signed (illegible)

Chairman of the Local Committee of
the UPC

Kamkop Bamungoum

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^{1/} Note by the Secretariat: This communication was sent from Bamenda, Cameroons under British Administration.