

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FROM 20 FEBRUARY TO 13 MARCH 1959<sup>1</sup>**

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**1349 (XIII). The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1282 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 requesting the Trusteeship Council to examine, as early as possible during the twenty-third session, the reports of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa, 1958, on the Cameroons under French administration and the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, and to transmit them, with its observations and recommendations, to the General Assembly not later than 20 February 1959, to enable the Assembly, in consultation with the Administering Authorities, to take the necessary measures in connexion with the full attainment of the objectives of the Trusteeship System,

Having examined the special report of the Trusteeship Council,<sup>2</sup> as well as the report of the Visiting Mission on the Cameroons under French administration<sup>3</sup> and the observations of the Administering Authority on it,<sup>4</sup>

Taking into account the statements made in the Fourth Committee by the representatives of the Administering Authority and by the Prime Minister of the Cameroons under French administration,<sup>5</sup>

Noting with satisfaction the adoption by the Legislative Assembly of the Cameroons under French administration of the amnesty law of 14 February 1959 and the assurances given by the Prime Minister of the Cameroons that this law is being put into effect on the widest possible basis and with the least possible delay,

Noting the statements of the representatives of the Cameroons Government that it welcomes the return of all Cameroonians who in recent years have left the country and invites them to re-enter normal life without fear of reprisal,

Having been assured by the representatives of the Administering Authority and the Government of the Cameroons that there exist in the Territory freedom of the Press, of assembly and of political association, and other fundamental freedoms,

Having been informed by the Prime Minister of the Cameroons under French administration that his Government has issued a decree fixing 12 April 1959 as the date for elections to be held to fill the four seats in the Legislative Assembly allocated to the Sanaga-Maritime area, as well as two vacant seats in the Mbouda subdivision,

Noting with satisfaction the statement of the Prime Minister of the Cameroons under French administration

that there will be general elections after independence since such elections will then be necessary and useful in order to settle various constitutional and other questions,

Noting the resolution adopted by the Legislative Assembly of the Cameroons on 24 October 1958, the conclusions of the Visiting Mission and the declarations of the Administering Authority and the representatives of the Cameroons Government concerning the desire and readiness of the people of the Cameroons for independence,

Taking into account the declarations of the Administering Authority and the Government of the Cameroons under French administration that the Territory will become completely independent on 1 January 1960, and the assurances given by the representative of France that his Government will sponsor the application that will thereupon be made by the Government of the Cameroons to be admitted to membership of the United Nations,

Having heard the views of the petitioners,

1. Resolves, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that, on 1 January 1960, when the Cameroons under French administration becomes independent, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. Expresses its confidence that, at the earliest possible date after the attainment of independence on 1 January 1960, elections will be held for the formation of a new assembly which should take decisions regarding the establishment, in their final form, of the institutions of the free and independent Cameroons;

3. Recommends that, upon the attainment of independence on 1 January 1960, the Cameroons under French administration shall be admitted to membership of the United Nations according to Article 4 of the Charter.

*794th plenary meeting,  
13 March 1959.*

**1350 (XIII). The future of the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 1282 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 requesting the Trusteeship Council to examine, as

<sup>3</sup> Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (T/1441), documents T/1427 and T/1434.

<sup>4</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/4094, annex III.

<sup>5</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 845th, 846th, 849th, 860th and 871st meetings.

<sup>1</sup> Resolutions adopted on the report of the Fourth Committee. For the text of the report, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/4095.

<sup>2</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 13, document A/4094.