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STATE INTELLIGENCE

By the Queen

A PROCLAMATION

Signifying Her Majesty's Agreement to the Termination with respect to the Southern Cameroons of the Trusteeship Agreement of 13th December 1946.

ELIZABETH R.

Whereas by virtue of an Agreement approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the thirteenth day of December 1946, We are the Administering Authority for the territory known as the Southern Cameroons and the responsibility for the administration of the said territory is vested in Our Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

And Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations on the twenty-first day of April 1961, resolved that the said Agreement should in agreement with the Administering Authority be terminated with respect to the Southern Cameroons on the first day of October 1961, upon its joining the Republic of Cameroon:

Now, therefore, We do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, proclaim and declare Our agreement to the determination of the said Agreement with respect to the Southern Cameroons on the first day of October 1961, and accordingly that Our said Government shall as from that date cease to be responsible for the administration of the Southern Cameroons.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace this twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and sixty-one and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

God Save The Queen

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

26th September 1961.

The QUEEN made the following speech when Her Majesty attended the opening of the Seventh Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Westminster Hall on 25th September 1961:

Eight years ago, just before my Coronation, it was my privilege to be the guest of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association here in Westminster Hall. Today, at your Jubilee Year Conference, it is with much pleasure that I greet you, the representatives from the Parliaments of all the lands within our Commonwealth family of nations, which enjoy responsible government. I give you on behalf of my

husband and myself a very hearty welcome; and I hope that those of you who have come from overseas are enjoying your stay in this country.

In the last ten years my husband and I have visited many countries within the Commonwealth and we are very happy to see here many whom we have already met in the course of our journeys. Eventually we hope to visit all the countries of our family of nations.

This gathering shows the diversity of peoples, creeds and cultures within the Commonwealth, each having an equal place in our organisation of nations. In the wide association which is the Commonwealth we must all try to cultivate the virtues of tolerance and understanding, to recognise each other's qualities and to respect each other's feelings.

In this modern age, the strength and unity of the Commonwealth family does not lie in bonds forged by formal instruments, nor in common ancestry, nor in pursuing the same political line. It springs from the knowledge that we all share a lively concern for individual freedom and all the machinery which makes this possible.

There are several expressions of this unity. As the Head of the Commonwealth, I am one. The constant and close contacts between the Governments of the Commonwealth and the meetings of Commonwealth Ministers are another. Equally important is our common form of Parliamentary Government which is the very corner stone of our association.

It is specially fitting that in your Jubilee Year you should meet here in this ancient hall, in which the earliest meetings of the English Parliament were held centuries ago. For the Parliament at Westminster has served as an example on whose experience other nations of the Commonwealth have drawn, in shaping and developing legislative assemblies suited to their own special needs.

It is this common system of government by consent which is strengthened by the work of your Association and the conferences which it organises throughout the Commonwealth. At these meetings the elected Members of Commonwealth Parliaments can meet on terms not dictated by party consideration, to talk, to exchange views, to share varied experiences and discuss and develop ideas on matters of common interest. In this way closer understanding is fostered between those who work in the legislatures of the Commonwealth, and all the people who believe in Parliamentary Government are encouraged.

I thank the Association for the great part it is playing in the life and thought of the Commonwealth.

I wish you every success in your discussions; and it is with great pleasure that I declare the Conference open.