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Chapter VII

DECISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS

International Court of Justice

CASE CONCERNING THE NORTHERN CAMEROONS (CAMEROON V. UNITED KINGDOM), PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS: JUDGEMENT OF 2 DECEMBER 1963¹

On 2 December 1963 the International Court of Justice delivered its Judgement in the case concerning the Northern Cameroons (Preliminary Objections) between the Federal Republic of Cameroon and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Proceedings had been instituted by an Application of 30 May 1961 in which the Government of the Republic of Cameroon asked the Court to declare that, in the application of the Trusteeship Agreement for the Territory of the Cameroons under British Administration, the United Kingdom failed, with regard to the Northern Cameroons, to respect certain obligations flowing from that Agreement. The Government of the United Kingdom had raised preliminary objections.

In its Judgement, the Court found, by 10 votes to 5, that it could not adjudicate upon the merits of the claim of the Federal Republic of Cameroon.

Judges Spiropoulos and Koretsky appended to the Judgement declarations of their dissent. Judge Jessup, while entirely agreeing with the reasoning in the Judgement of the Court, also appended a declaration. Judges Wellington Koo, Sir Percy Spender, Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice and Morelli appended separate opinions. Judges Badawi and Bustamante y Rivero and Judge *ad hoc* Beb a Don appended dissenting opinions.

A detailed summary of this Judgement appears in the *Yearbook* of the International Court of Justice 1963-1964² and in the *Annual Report* of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the work of the Organization, 16 June 1963—15 June 1964³.

¹ *I.C.J. Reports 1963*, p. 15.

² Pp. 95-98.

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/5801)*, pp. 123-125.