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To: TO GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA

C/O Deputy Minister For Global Affairs Canada

Mr. Peter MacDougall

APPRAISAL ON PLANNING OF CBM WORKSHOP AND A CALL FOR FAIR STRUCTURING OF THE CANADIAN FACILITATION PROCESS

The IG on behalf of the people of Ambazonia extend gratitude and thanks to the Canadian Government for invoking their political goodwill to intervene in seeking a peaceful and just solution to the ongoing conflict between La République du Cameroun and the People of the Southern Cameroons.

Aware of an ongoing Canadian Facilitation Process between the leadership of southern Cameroons Ambazonia and the Government of Cameroun aimed at seeking a solution to the ongoing conflict;

Ascertaining that the fundamental prerequisite of an impartial third-party engagement in a neutral ground was verified;

Acknowledging the different virtual Zoom or WhatsApp calls in the context of the ongoing Canadian Facilitation Process between the IG leadership represented by President Marianta Njomia and VP Dr Abongwa Hariscine, And Global Affairs Canada represented in different occasions by the deputy minister for Global Affairs Canada Mr. Peter MacDougall, the delegated assistant to the deputy minister Mrs. Nicole Waintraub and the Canadian High Commissioner to Cameroun Mr. Richard Bale;

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Reiterating that the IG will only commit to the process after validating its authenticity (All-inclusiveness, Fairness and Transparency) and that an all-inclusive process is paramount to render the outcome of the process void of spoilers and binding to both parties.

Reminding that the IG has previously made a request to GAC that all process-related gatherings, workshops and events be organized by partners officially presented by GAC as part of the process; and that such partners must be a third neutral party operating in a neutral ground;

The leadership of the IG hereby brings to your attention and to have it on record, the following problematic issues and actions of GAC that led to our non-participation in the Berlin Workshop on CBM (December 10th-11th 2022):

- Absence of clear outline and structure of the process. It appears that GAC is simultaneously structuring and conducting an undefined process.
- Planning of the meeting was chaotic and we did not feel considered: we were informed of the definite date and place only 5 days to the event; information derived from our talks with Mrs. Nicole Waintraub and Ambassador Bale revealed that not only was the leadership of other Ambazonian independentist entities aware of the arrangements time ahead but also that the date and placed was agreed by GAC to accommodate a pre-planned meeting of other Ambazonian independentist movements.
- Despite our recommendations that any leadership forum be constituted with oversight from a delegated third party who:
- Is officially recognized by GAC as partner in the process;
- -Demonstrates neutrality and impartiality and doesn't entertain preferred links with one specific group (as is the case between NOREF and AGC);

Another meeting of the leaders was organized without coordination with GAC and with the support of an entity that isn't a neutral external party.

• Considering that in our talks, Mrs. Waintraub stated that HD and NOREF were delegated to organize the Berlin workshop, it was astonishing to ascertain that as per the date of our conversation with Mrs. Waintraub and Ambassador Bale (5 days to the event), we had still not been contacted by either HD or NOREF regarding that workshop. In addition, we were not clearly and transparently informed of the pre-existing



organization of a meeting in Berlin. Neither were we informed of the organizer in charge of this meeting, knowing that HD and NOREF had not been involved at this point.

- The fact that the date and place was agreed to accommodate planning of a meeting not officially recognized in the structuring of the process and that the declared organizers were not aware of the date and place 5 days to the event, nursed skepticism as to whether sufficient attention was given to the security of participants.
- The planning was therefore characterized by insufficient communication and coordination, unfair consideration of our availability, and created major skepticism regarding the security required for our participation.

It's a learning curve for us all, we count on the good will of GAC to keep improving on the structuring and conduction of the process as promised by Mrs. Nicole Waintraub in our last conversation (4th December 2022) and we look forward to attending the subsequent meetings of the Canadian Facilitation Process.

The IG remains engaged as mandated by our people, to any fair process and will only commit after validating the authenticity of the process.

Signed

Signed this day Monday 12th December 2022

Mrs. Marianta Njomia

President of the IG of the Federal Republic of Ambazonia.

CC:

- -Canadian High Commissioner to Cameroun, Mr. Richard Bale
- -Delegated Assistant to the Deputy Minister for Global Affairs Canada Mrs. Nicole Waintraub
- The Ambazonian People
- All LGA and County Chairs
- The International Community