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## End of Year 2022 Presidential Speech

Motto of the TECHNICAL Cabinet: Accountability & Action,  
Building Bridges and Complementary Commitment

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“We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated.” (Maya Angelou), because by our resolve and resilience “We will either find a way or make one.” (Hannibal), for the total and unconditional independence of Ambazonia,

Fellow Ambazonians in the diaspora and in homeland, My beloved comrades, My dear brothers and sisters, My dearest Mothers and Fathers;

Liberation struggle greetings to you all and 21-gun salute to all our Ambazonia Restoration Fighters.

Our vision, mission and commitment entails working together to ensure that the modus operandi of this Interim government is continuously recalibrated to:

- Defending the values of Justice, Unity and Democracy as prescribed in our constitutional arm of code
- Respect of the constitution
- Building robust institutions

-Leadership for, by and with the people, hence a leadership answerable and accountable to the people,

-Prioritize our resources to defending the lives, dignity and integrity of all Ambazonian citizens.

Fellow Ambazonians,

Our swift intervention in reinstating the IG working assets, building our functional institutions and instating our three stabilizing policies (Accountability and Action policy, Building Bridges policy and the Complementary Commitment policy) saw your IG navigate victoriously through two delicate moments: The odds of unconstitutionality and lack of accountability in the early months of the year AND the failed attempts of fraud and injustice in the management of our liberation struggle in the later months.

Today, the echoes of a potential facilitation process are evidences that our liberation struggle has been recalibrated and redirected from distractions and that our resilience and resolve for a free homeland have safeguarded us from falling prey to any drawbacks or diabolical enemy attempts to hinder our progress as we patriotically and selflessly prioritize to Fund, Fight and Free motherland.

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The various departments of your IG have worked selflessly to meet the high demands of our evolving liberation struggle.

The Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) has been very successful in carrying out

1. Food drives/Outreaches
  - a. Carried out Christmas outreaches in the Uyo, Ukende refugee settlements in Nigeria
  - b. Supported the youths of Ogoja refugee communities during October 1st and Christmas celebrations.
2. Health/ Medical Services Interventions
  - a) Purchased medical supplies and distributed to all our refugee settlements
  - b) Set up a rapid response health intervention team to cater for our sick in the various settlements
  - c) Provided funds for major surgeries for some of our critical cases.
  - d) Provided support to pregnant women in the Uyo settlement.
  - e) Legal registration with national association of patent medicine dealers in Nigeria.

3. Community projects/ Empowerment

- a) Provided funding for garri mills and poultry farming in some refugee settlements
- b) Provided funds to rent farmlands, buy insecticides fertilizer and irrigation tools to over 400 women in the Ogoja refugee settlement.

4. Prison Outreaches

- c) Carried out food drives in some of the major prisons in LRC and Ambazonia
- d) Also carried out a major health surgery on one of our detainees.

The Department of Education and Strategic Collaboration (DESC) has

- 1. Compiled the core primary curriculum for Ambazonian schools
- 2. Started sharing hard copies of the curriculum on GZ and G1.
- 3. Received valuable feedback from the ground regarding the way forward to ensure delivery and further improvement of Community schools.

Predictably our children need as priorities the sparks that come from access to the basics viz; exercise books, reading material, writing material and encouragement and guidance.

- 4. DESC has pushed out some historical documents to ensure all Ambazonians have ready access to key episodes of our history.

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For 2023 DESC is working on the full implementation of

- E-learning as a means of delivering future content and lessons
- secondary curriculum for a range of subjects and methods of assessment
- certification to ensure independent certification when the need comes.

The current Department of Economy and Finance- Resource Mobilisation- National Treasury (DEF-RM-NT) has successfully established an appropriate level of transparency and accountability in the functioning of the IG financial system.

The Department of Home Affairs and Community Mobilisation (DHA-RM) continue to work hard on building and strengthening our LGAs and counties, particularly in alignment with the mandate of the Constituent General Assembly meetings of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to reach an adequate quorum of the two-thirds LGA constitution and participation as one of the criteria for Presidential elections.

The enemy LRC continues to cause untold harm to our people, kill fathers, mothers and children as long as you are an Ambazonian.

The Department of Self-defence Services (DSS), with the help of a steady leadership of your People's IG is progressively attaining stability in the prosecution of the self-defence activities on the ground. The fire power that ensued shortly after taking office is fast resurrecting. In all, the leadership of your IG has introduced at least 6 Big Firewoods in Ground Zero making it possible for the fire powers we have seen in GZ this year 2022. Remember, the Big Firewoods you all must have seen on social media lately, you have been witnesses to these facts.

With the same selflessness we have seen from Ambazonians throughout this period of war, we believe if you only give us what we need through your financial and other supports we can promise further strengthening our self-defence machinery and sustain fire power on the ground that can end this war in 2023 with us Ambazonians emerging as the VICTOR.

Fellow Ambazonians, my dear brothers and sisters,

As we look forward to 2023, We the Ambazonians face the same decisions that our founding fathers of the then British Cameroons faced 63 years ago.

At the time of granting independence the world was in the grip of the cold war and the political climate of the era influenced the attitudes and decisions of international partners at the expense of the wishes of our founding fathers and, by extension, led to the suffering we have endured in the past six decades.

Under active consideration there were three possibilities open to both Northern Cameroons and Southern Cameroons. They could have chosen "integration" which consisted of becoming a state in the Nigerian Federation, "reunification" which consisted of reunification with La Republique du Cameroun. The third option which has been mistakenly assumed to have been moot, was that of independence! At the time, that was pejoratively described as "secession". In any case, a vast segment of our population wanted it and settled on loose federation "reunification" as a lesser evil when the option seemed to be discouraged.

Apart from pointing out that research shows that many of the electorate then decried the lack of choice of full independence and chose reunification on the mistaken understanding and belief that the result would be a loose federation in which they would continue to run their affairs almost in a confederation of equal and independent states, I have to caution that history has brought us full circle to that choice again. We must not repeat the errors of our forebears. Instead, we must learn from theirs and our own experiences as we engage in this imminent choice.

It is no secret that emissaries of La Republique du Cameroun are in preliminary talks with some movements of our people and that the process is being facilitated by the efforts of Global Affairs Canada on behalf of the Canadian Government.

Thus far the proceedings have been shrouded in mystery and secrecy, whose sole upshot seems to have been a fevered bout of La Republique du Cameroun propaganda and misinformation. So far, from September 2022 to December 2022, there have been three pre-talks between La Republique du Cameroun's emissaries and delegates of some Ambazonian movements. Be it known that, after ascertaining that the fundamental prerequisite of an impartial third-party engagement in a neutral ground was verified, delegates of your Interim Government attended the first two of these pre-talks held in Canada. However, our delegates were not invited/consulted regarding the third after we put to scrutiny the structural and functional authenticity of the process especially with respect to recognition of the identity of the parties before commitment to the Canadian-led facilitation process. We also reiterated that the IG would 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.

I accept that in this Canadian-led facilitation process, as six decades ago in the pre-independence run-up, La Republique will be seeking to gain the most advantage, but I would like to outline the formal prerequisites for continued credibility and integrity of the process.

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1. All-inclusiveness – Sufficient and verifiable efforts must be made to ensure that Ambazonian independentist entities participating reflect a representative quorum of the Ambazonia.
2. Transparency – all parties taking part in the process must be known and defined to all the other parties. This question is in doubt as some of the parties currently involved have no specified roles or positions.
3. Fairness - The facilitators must maintain their neutrality at all times. This cannot be fulfilled if any of the participants are excluded from preliminary consultation for participation, or meeting agenda, as was the case with the IG delegates prior to the third pre-talks session.

Whatever the secrecy and discretion, the common aim of all Ambazonians is clear – total and unconditional independence. To that extent, there is no need for any secrecy as there is no in-between. The final decision will have to flow from the people of Ambazonia.

Amidst the current global challenges of COVID-19, climate change and the ongoing Russo-Ukrainian Crisis and their associated medium and long-term effects on the global economy requiring the political will of most international partners, which have too often been met with a reluctance to address, our Liberation Struggle has taken us to the global stage where international partners and the enemy, LRC, are now coming to terms with the reality and acknowledging the Ambazonian-LRC conflict and the need to address its root causes. This is just the beginning of our journey.

The Nera Ten were illegally rendered from Nigeria to LRC and the Nigerian Court has ruled that they must be returned and compensated. All international partners of any credibility would not associate in any trade-offs involving such blatant breaches of international law even if they manage to play some of the Ambazonian Leaders. We the Ambazonians know our independence awaits only our exercise of it and would continue to exercise it.

It is clear that Ambazonian abductees; Sisiku AyukTabe and the rest of the Nera Ten, Abdul Karim Ali, Mancho Bibixy, Penn Terrence, Dr Tita Moh-Takwi and others, are being held illegally and must be released. It is therefore only illusionary to imagine that LRC could use them as bargaining chips.

<sup>6</sup> Fellow Ambazonians, we have overcome many LRC ploys. While they continue to keep our people in prisons and detention centres, we cannot entertain any ploys even if we know they are just ploys. For example,

1. LRC held a “national dialogue” in their country on their own – as they should, given that they left the de facto union in 1984 but then are foisting “special status” on our country. As a separate country they have no jurisdiction to award us any status. Our status of a separate state was reinstated when Mr Biya withdrew La Republique du Cameroun from the already unjust and intolerable union. Since then, according to the Bamenda High Court ruling HCB 29-92, LRC has been “illegally and forcibly occupying” our country, Ambazonia.
2. LRC annually promises “peace” and normalcy to Ambazonians. That is no coincidence! Ambazonians are peace-loving and endured all manner of indignities and marginalisation over several decades all for the sake of peace. As a justice-loving people, it took some doing to choose “peace” over justice all those years. Sadly, our behaviour was always mistaken and used against us. We have reached a juncture where we are no longer choosing between peace and justice. Our country will once again be the peaceful cradle of justice and democracy it was until self-interest nudged us into the ill-fated union and decades of brutal repression.

3. LRC constantly promises ring-roads, seaports, even though we all know that they destroyed a lot of our infrastructure over the years, viz Cooperatives, marketing Boards, Cameroon Bank, Santa estates and others.
4. LRC's latest ploy this year is to question the Kontri Sunday and repeat "cease fire" while they are still killing our people in our land in a war that they declared. LRC should withdraw their forces from Ambazonia if they are offering a cease-fire. That would be obvious even without leaflets announcing it.

Fellow Ambazonians. Our decisions and progress do not depend on leaflets on the ground but on our own determination of when the conditions are met.

Having demonstrated this last six years that we are resolved to strike out on our own terms and build a future for ourselves and our progeny, we now call on all our international partners of goodwill to break cover and support our just cause to reclaim and exercise our independence.

While we wait, I call on all Ambazonians to hang in there and remain steadfast. We must increase the exercise of our independence in our every-day lives and hold our heads high as we insist on doing things right and doing only the right things. We must continue to make the sacrifices we have made for the last six years to hasten the departure of LRC from our land.

7 We urge all those who think they are representing Ambazonia in LRC to cease. The people of Ambazonia have not given any of them a mandate.

To our population at large, We must stop funding the LRC occupation by submitting to their extortion schemes be they at checkpoints, schools, offices or hospitals. The less we pay at these places, the sooner they will have to leave. The less we pay at these places, the less degraded we will feel, the more dignified we will be. It is right to do the right thing. It is not our way to submit to any of the extortion that they have instituted around us.

In line with our oft quoted "Building Bridges" policy we know that our progress to our aim of total independence for Ambazonia will depend on the collective efforts of all Ambazonians and we pledge to continue to seek partnerships with fellow Ambazonian independentist movements.

To our Restoration fighters we repeat our Complimentary Commitment policy to empower them to prosecute our Liberation Struggle and hereby give them the 21-gun salute for putting their lives on the line in our common cause. Our commitment is to put in the resources.

Ours is a God-ordained struggle.

The Most High God has watched over Ambazonia all these years and will see us through.

Proof that we are doing the right thing: they are taking part in the pre-talks. We must not relent. We cannot even bear to think of the indignities that we have endured before and we cannot consider any choices that would lead us back there. The choice is simple and unique – our independence is not up for negotiation!

I invite all Ambazonians to come and subscribe to support our ARF, our communication channels and our humanitarian efforts.

Wishing you all a Happy and Independent New Year

God bless you and God bless Ambazonia

Long live the Federal Republic of Ambazonia

In GOD we TRUST.



**Saturday 31st December 2022**

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CC:

- Ambazonian People
- International Community