



DIPLOMATIC STATEMENT
BY
H.E. THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

ON THE
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
OF 12 OCTOBER 2025 IN CAMEROON

Wednesday, 30 July 2025
MINREX, YAOUNDE



DISTINGUISHED HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION,
CONSULAR POSTS

DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS ACCREDITED TO CAMEROON;

DEAR SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
RELATIONS;

HONORABLE GUESTS,

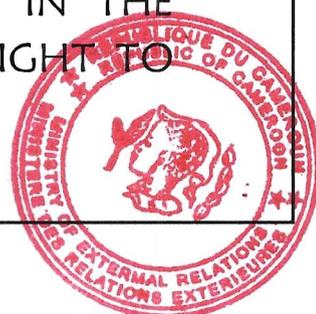
DEAR JOURNALISTS AS WELL AS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF
THE MEDIA;

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

ALLOW ME TO WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF
THIS DIPLOMATIC STATEMENT DEDICATED TO
CAMEROON'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 12 OCTOBER
2025.

AS YOU ARE SURELY AWARE, H.E. PAUL BIYA, THE HEAD
OF STATE, BY DECREE NO. 2025/305 OF 11 JULY 2025,
CONVENED THE ELECTORATE IN VIEW OF THE ELECTION OF
THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON. THIS
IMPORTANT ELECTION IS GOVERNED BY LAW, NOTABLY
THE ELECTORAL CODE OF 19 APRIL 2012. AT THE
INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL, *ELECTIONS CAMEROON (ELECAM)*
AND THE *CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL* ARE THE MAIN
STAKEHOLDERS IN THIS CRUCIAL POLITICAL MOMENT FOR
OUR NATION.

AS YOU ALSO KNOW, OUR COMPATRIOTS IN THE
DIASPORA HAVE, SINCE 2011, BEEN GIVEN THE RIGHT TO



VOTE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. THEREFORE, THE UPCOMING OCTOBER ELECTION WILL BE THE THIRD OCCASION WHEN, WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR POSTS IN YOUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, *ELECAM*, A BODY ESTABLISHED WITH YOUR SUPPORT, SHALL BE ORGANISING YET AGAIN AND IN A CREDIBLE MANNER, ELECTIONS BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

I AM DELIGHTED TO NOTE THAT THE PROCESS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND LIST REVISION WAS CONDUCTED SATISFACTORILY, BOTH IN CAMEROON'S TEN REGIONS AND IN THE COUNTRIES COVERED BY OUR DIPLOMATIC NETWORK, WHICH CULMINATED IN THE CONVENING OF THE ELECTORATE BY THE HEAD OF STATE, ON 11 JULY 2025. IN THIS CONNECTION, INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROCESS IS AVAILABLE ON THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF *ELECAM*, AT: WWW.ELECAM.CM.

EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;

AT THIS STAGE, YOU HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY OBSERVED THE ENTHUSIASM, AMONGST THE PUBLIC AND POLITICAL CLASS, SURROUNDING THIS ELECTION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, *ELECAM* HAS PUBLISHED THE LIST OF PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS, THUS PAVING THE WAY FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL TO HANDLE ANY PRE-ELECTION MATTERS. AFTER THIS STAGE, CAMEROONIAN VOTERS WILL KNOW THE FINAL LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 12 OCTOBER 2025 POLLS.



ALL STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN URGED TO ACT RESPONSIBLY TO ENSURE THAT THE PEACE WE ALL CHERISH PREVAILS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE ELECTION.

AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, H.E. PAUL BIYA HAS CONTINUALLY HAMMERED, AND I QUOTE: **“WE SHALL ALL PASS AWAY, BUT CAMEROON SHALL REMAIN”**.

FURTHERMORE, CAMEROON, A COUNTRY GOVERNED BY THE RULE OF LAW, IN COMPLIANCE WITH ITS INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND BUILDING ON ITS DIVERSITY, HAS RELENTLESSLY FOSTERED THE SPIRIT OF HARMONIOUS LIVING TOGETHER. UPHOLDING THESE VALUES WILL GUARANTEE THE HOLDING OF A PEACEFUL AND MULTIPARTY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, BOTH AT THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS.

EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;

OUR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR POSTS ARE FULLY MOBILISED TO FACILITATE VOTING ABROAD FOR OUR COMPATRIOTS ESTABLISHED IN YOUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE THE GRATITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMEROON FOR THE RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY OUR DIASPORA CONTINUES TO ENJOY IN YOUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

ON ANOTHER NOTE, LET ME POINT OUT THAT CAMEROON SHALL NOT ELECT ITS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC UNDER PRESSURE FROM ANY GROUP, COUNTRY, POWER, INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OR INSTITUTION.



SIMILARLY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC SHALL NOT BE ELECTED UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY ETHNIC GROUP, ANY TRIBE, ANY LANGUAGE COMMUNITY, ANY CULTURAL BACKGROUND, ANY RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION OR ANY OTHER ENTITY WHATSOEVER.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON SHALL BE ELECTED IN COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY BY THE PEOPLE OF CAMEROON, AS A WHOLE, UNITED IN ITS DIVERSITY, A COUNTRY THAT REMAINS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE AMIDST THIS DIVERSITY.

IT IS THEREFORE OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY AND OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS THAT GOVERN OUR RELATIONS WITH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL PARTNERS. THE COROLLARY OBLIGATIONS REQUIRE THAT YOU CONTRIBUTE YOUR OWN QUOTA TOWARDS TAKING SCRUPULOUS MEASURES AIMED AT PROTECTING DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.

IN THIS LIGHT, I WOULD BE COUNTING ON YOU!

ON ACCOUNT OF ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION AT THE CROSSROADS OF TWO MAJOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES, NAMELY CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICA, CAMEROON SHOULD CONTINUE TO FOSTER A PEACEFUL AND SECURE CLIMATE, CONDUCIVE FOR STABILITY, PROSPERITY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE GULF OF GUINEA.

THEREFORE, I URGE YOUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, THE AFRICAN UNION, THE EUROPEAN UNION THE OIC, FRANCOPHONIE, THE



COMMONWEALTH AND OTHER SOLIDARITY CIRCLES, TO STAND BY OUR COUNTRY IN THIS PROCESS.

- EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;

AS OUR COUNTRY MOVES SERENELY TOWARDS ELECTING ITS NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, WE MAY TAKE PRIDE IN THE CALM AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT HAS BEEN PREVAILING IN THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SPACE. THIS IS THE OUTCOME OF THE TIRELESS AND DETERMINED EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE UNWAVERING SENSE OF PATRIOTISM AND CITIZENSHIP AND ACTIVE COMMITMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF CAMEROON IN ITS ENTIRETY, WITH THE INVALUABLE SUPPORT OF THE PARTNERS THAT YOU ARE.

IT IS ON THIS BASIS THAT I REMAIN CONVINCED THAT TODAY'S MEETING WILL ENABLE YOU TO RELAY TO YOUR RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING TO SUPPORT CAMEROON IN CONDUCTING SUCCESSFULLY THIS ELECTION—AND THOSE TO COME.

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION!

**LONG LIVE CAMEROON AND ITS ILLUSTRIOUS HEAD,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, H.E. PAUL BIYA!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KEEN AND KIND ATTENTION!

