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SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR YOUR LETTER TO PRESIDENT PAUL BIYA

Dear Honorable Congress Members,

I write to convey deep appreciation to you, members of Congress, on behalf of the People of British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) for your letter to President Biya on December 12, 2019. We are particularly happy for your call for participation at the Swiss-Led Mediation process where we can attack frankly the root causes of this conflict directly so as to achieve lasting peace in the Gulf of Guinea. We are ready.

British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) is a glaring example of uncompleted decolonization process. We are appealing to your honorable congress members to support our case for

territorial self-determination which is our right and during the upcoming UNGA session 2020 which will review the UN decolonization process in accordance to UN Art 76(b).

British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) uncompleted decolonization hinges on the **Non-implementation** of UNGA Res 1608 (XV) par. 5 of April 21, 1961. The plebiscite did not end the decolonization process at all. It is the implementation of (par 5) that would have ended the decolonization process of Southern Cameroons. There was no implementation till today. The experiment called Independence by joining was never concretized because of the Non-implementation of UNGA Res 1608(XV)(5), and the lack of any legal instrument or Treaty of Union between British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) and the then Independent La Republique du Cameroun, which had attained her Independence on Jan 1, 1960, without the British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia), which attained Independence on October1, 1961. Therefore, historically, and:

- Mindful of the fact that both the British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) and La Republique du Cameroon (French Cameroon) were separate entities and Category B Trust Territories, the one Under United Kingdom Administration, and the other under French Administration from 1922 Mandated by the League of Nations;
- Mindful of UN Art. 76 (b) which states” *to promote the political, economic, social, and educational advancement.....development towards self-governance or independence;*
- Mindful of UNGA Res. 1514 of December 14, 1960, and UNGA Post Plebiscite Res 1608(XV) of April 21, 1961;
- Mindful of UNGA vote for our Independence with 64 Votes in Favour, 23 Against and 10 Neutral in 1961;
- Mindful of Africa Constitutive Act 4(b) which says that boundaries inherited at Independence are inviolable;
- Mindful that the British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) was not part of La Republique du Cameroun (French Cameroon) at her Independence from France on Jan 1, 1960;
- Mindful of ACHPR Banjul Verdict in 2009, recognizing the British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) as a People;
- Mindful of the fact that the British Southern Cameroons had proclaimed and restored her Independence on Oct. 1, 2017 and has a Government, Constitution, Restoration Council (Congress of the People), internationally defined and treated boundaries with French Cameroon and Nigeria, an Anthem, a Flag, Amba Currency, and seal;
- Mindful of the fact that there has never been any Union Treaty signed by the Governments of British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) and La Republique du Cameroun and deposited at the UNSG Office as per UN Art 102(1);

- Considering that the decolonization process of the British Southern Cameroons is uncompleted and her rights to territorial self-determination have been usurped by French Cameroon which has annexed and occupied her against all laws and promises by the first President Ahidjo in 1961;
- Considering that the Green Tree Accord of 2009 stipulated that Nigeria and Cameroon would retreat from Bakassi to their boundaries at Independence in 1960 and 1961 and both Presidents Obasanjo and Biya signed before UNSG Koffi Annan to retreat;
- Considering that Nigeria has obeyed the Green Tree Accord while French Cameroon has not retreated to her boundary at Independence;
- Considering the War declared by President Biya on the British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) on November 30, 2017 which has inflicted heavy casualties among people and domestic animals, internally displaced thousands, caused thousands to flee as refugees, burning villages and schools, and destroying farms, crops, hospitals and our way of life, see link www.ambazoniagenocidelibrary.com;
- Considering that a majority of Ambazonians prefer total restoration of Independence as evidenced by a recent survey conducted by Learned Cardinal Tumi in 2019 showing 69% of the people opting for total separation;
- Considering that British Southern Cameroons had enjoyed self-governance between 1954 and 1961 and was the first to conduct democratic elections in 1958 with peaceful transfer of power from governing party of Premier EML Endeley to opposition party of John Ngu Foncha;
- Assuring the USA and global community that because of the high literacy rate, the British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) will not go down the path of South Sudan;
- Assuring the global community of economic sustainability due to rich mineral and agricultural resources;

We, the People of British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia) do hereby appeal respectfully to our honorable Congress members that we now want the UN/US and global community to:

1. Complete the uncompleted decolonization process by implementing UNGA Post Plebiscite Res. 1608(XV) (5) of April 21, 1961;
2. Recognize our Country, British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonia), as the Federal Republic of Ambazonia with all rights and privileges and admit her as a member of the United Nations Organization;

3. Order demilitarization of our country and to send US or UN Peacekeeping Forces that do not include French or French speaking countries to transition our Country to self-governance;
4. Order immediate halt to hostilities by Cameroon Government and Army and for French Cameroon to withdraw to their boundary at Independence in 1960 according to the Green Tree Accord of 2009;
5. Assure safe learning environment for schools to effectively resume under the NEW globally competitive educational curriculum that has been developed by the Interim Government of Federal Republic of Ambazonia;
6. Assure the rights to territorial self-determination of the People of Ambazonia;
7. Order the unconditional release of all British Southern Cameroonians (Ambazonians) in Cameroon jails and prisons including all those who were abducted from Nigeria;
8. Assure humanitarian assistance to refugees, internally displaced, bereaved families and the rebuilding of Schools, hospitals and communities; and
9. Intensify economic, political, and defense sanctions on Government of Cameroon. Cameroon is playing games with the US/UN, and International Community.

We, the peace loving people of British Southern Cameroons (Ambazonian) appreciate your current effort and we await recognition and pray that honourable congress members speedily put an end to this senseless war and atrocities on unarmed civilians in Ambazonia by Cameroon army. President Biya himself confessed in Paris that *"We tried assimilating their systems into the majority francophone systems since 1961, but because of identity differences, it failed"* (Paul Biya, Paris 2019).

This has been the bad intention since 1961 and for this reason, we no longer trust French Cameroon. Even with a so-called special status, and since they rule by decrees, it will take a stroke of a pen to end the Special Status 20 years from today. Yes, they will. Biya by decree in 1984 changed the form of State unilaterally. Please direct all correspondence to foreignaffairs@ambazoniagov.org. We thank You.

Submitted on behalf of the People of Federal Republic of Ambazonia

Sincerely Yours,



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