

PRESS RELEASE

The National Assembly of the Republic of Cameroon takes note of Resolution No. 2019/2691 (RSP) of the European Parliament of 18 April 2019 on the management of the crisis plaguing the North-West and South-West regions of Cameroon, on the one hand, and the socio-political and security situation in Cameroon in general, on the other hand.

The National Assembly thanks the European Parliament for its great interest in the evolution of the situation and the possible solutions likely to contain the said crises.

However, the National Assembly of the Republic of Cameroon would like to recall the following:

- 1-Cameroon is a democratic State governed by the rule of law, deeply committed to its unity and territorial integrity and proud of its ethnic and cultural diversity.
To this end, it guarantees fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression, to all citizens.
- 2-The State of Cameroon has a national legislative and regulatory corpus as well as a set of instruments (Treaties, Agreements and Conventions) binding it to the rest of the International Community. It ensures the strict respect of such instruments at all levels and by all.
- 3-With regard to the North-West and South-West Regions in particular, the National Assembly of the Republic of Cameroon has always deplored the crisis situation that has prevailed there for some time now, and has also made numerous calls for a return to serenity in the said Regions.
- 4- At the same time, **the President of the Republic, His Excellency Paul BIYA**, is constantly taking measures and initiatives to calm the situation and contain the crisis.

- 5- The National Assembly of the Republic of Cameroon, guarantor of the general interest of the people of Cameroon, fully supports these measures and initiatives. It therefore urges the world's parliaments, including the European Parliament, to join forces to put an end to the terrorist threat and violence that affect the daily lives of the people of the North-West and South-West Regions.
- 6- The National Assembly of the Republic of Cameroon would be pleased to welcome a delegation from the European Parliament, so that its members can judge for themselves on the ground the extent of the atrocities and barbarism perpetrated by armed gangs in the name of separatist demands.
- 7- The National Assembly of Cameroon, jealous of the Independence and Sovereignty of its country, remains open to dialogue both inside and outside of the country. It thus intends to work towards the development and consolidation of the cooperation ties that bind it to other Parliamentary Institutions on the international scene.
- 8- The National Assembly hereby recalls that the sovereignty of the Cameroonian people is exercised through the President of the Republic and/or the People's Representatives in the National Assembly.

Done in Yaoundé, on the **20 AVR 2019**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

