Position Statement

The National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Social Democratic Front meeting in Douala on Saturday 10th of August 2019, chaired by H.E. Mr. John Fru Ndi, reminds the national and international communities that the ongoing civil war in the North West and South West Regions in Cameroon was declared by the President of the Republic, Mr. Paul Biya, on 30th November 2017 at the Nnamdi Airport on his return from an official trip to Abidjan.

This declaration of war sparked a spiral of violence which has led to disastrous consequences: namings, rape, torture, kidnappings, mass killings, hostilities, destruction and torching of schools, hospitals, houses and the razing of entire villages. This has caused thousands of casualties and the displacement of persons, who today, are refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), paradoxically fulfilling the secret assimilation agenda of Anglophones especially the annihilation of the educational and Common Law systems.

It is therefore incumbent on Mr. Paul Biya not only to bring the civil war to an end, but also provide a definitive solution that will create an enabling environment for children to return to school in September 2019 and for elections to take place. Failure to which the SDF shall be obliged to withhold its parliamentary from attending the November 2019 session. If elections are convened and held under the present circumstances, the SDF will not participate and this will tantamount to breaking the country into two.

The SDF calls on the CPDM Senators, CPDM Members of the National Assembly, CPDM Mayors and CPDM Councillors of the North West and South West Regions who have exhibited disturbing indifference and support to the oppressive government irrespective of the frustrations and atrocities inflicted on the Anglophone people whom they purport to legitimately represent, to stop using the Anglophone problem for political ends.

While we acknowledge the existence of the Anglophone problem which has unfortunately pushed the Anglophone community to take up arms, we urge them to exercise restraint.

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The SDF reminds our Francophone brothers and that the Anglophone crisis is a national issue which, if not well and urgently addressed, will lead to irretrievable separation of the country.

Finally, the SDF unreservedly condemns the irresponsible and incendiary narratives pouring from the diaspora that further exacerbates the situation.