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**PRESS BRIEFING OF SPOKESPERSON DR GEORGE N.
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NATIONAL DIALOGUE**

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press,

Thank you for coming in numbers to this press briefing, on the occasion of the Major National Dialogue convened by the President of the Republic, His Excellency Paul BIYA, and chaired by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, Chief Dr. Joseph DION NGUTE.

As I told you in my previous briefings, since the opening of the Major National Dialogue, there has been much enthusiasm in the various working commissions at the Yaounde Conference Centre.

The discussions are indeed very lively. This is an indication of the interest of the kinetic forces of our country and their commitment to work for an effective return to peace and serenity in the North-West and South-West regions, but also for the well-being of our people.

Today, as we are on the third day of this meeting, I am particularly pleased to announce that we are already beginning to witness the first outcomes of this landmark event.

As a matter of fact, in addition to the 30 ex-combatants and 5 repentants who were presented at the official opening ceremony, five new armed secessionists have answered favourable the Head of State's offer of peace. They are here with us to take part in the Major National Dialogue.

They are:

- GENERAL CAPTURE AND DESTROY;
- COMMANDER PUSSY;
- GENERAL EZEMO (CUSTODIAN OF THEIR SHRINE);
- COMMANDER NO MERCY;
- COMMANDER CHAMPION.

These ex-combatants will join their brothers who, as I speak to you now, are actively participating in committee works.

With regard to the progress of the working sessions, and as you have been able to witness, yesterday was a particularly intense day of contradictory debates, all of which need to be welcomed here.

Since the resumption of the discussions this morning, the participants have been working in complete serenity. The freedom of tone and frankness that characterise the exchanges do not make participants lose sight of the fact that the sole and only objective is to restore peace and tranquility in the North-West and South-West regions.

I would like to stress the relevance and accuracy of the contributions of the various actors who, without a doubt, will enable us to come up with appropriate responses and lasting solutions to the problems we face in our country.

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Also, through my voice, the President of the Major National Dialogue, Chief Dr. Joseph DION NGUTE, hereby renews the call to all the kinetic and constructive forces of the Nation, beyond this forum going on at the Conference Centre, to continue to transmit their proposals through the various channels that have been communicated.

Thank you for your attention.