



**SECOND PRESS BRIEFING OF SPOKESPERSON DR
GEORGE N. EWANE ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE
MAJOR NATIONAL DIALOGUE**

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press,

We are now at the end of the third day of our meeting.

At this juncture, it seemed appropriate for us to briefly take stock of some of the highlights so far.

As I announced to you during my press briefing this afternoon, five other members of secessionist armed groups have responded positively to the offer of peace from of Head of State, His Excellency Paul BIYA.

They joined us here at the Conference Centre to take part in the Major National Dialogue.

One of them, on their behalf, addressed you from this lectern to express their readiness to work towards the effective return of peace in the North-West and South-West regions. He stressed that they want to see children calmly return to school and people get back to their everyday life.

These words, which we have all heard today, are a sign of hope for us and I would like to capitalize on them. Moreover, they sufficiently attest to the fact that the convergence of views on the urgency of building peace and finding appropriate responses to the ongoing crisis is very real.

The President of the Major National Dialogue, granted an audience to the five secessionist leaders this afternoon.

Tonight, I would like to recall that the Head of State's offer of peace still stands. We are therefore and always ready to welcome all those of our brothers and sisters involved in secessionist armed groups, who will express the desire to drop their arms.

As you can see, the secessionists are indeed with us and they are taking part in the Major National Dialogue.

We are therefore far from a monologue, as some Western media pretend.

I would therefore like to reiterate this: **dialogue is here and nowhere else**. It is inclusive indeed.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On a completely different note, and with regard to the conduct of the work in committees, participants are steadily getting towards the adoption of resolutions.

Despite the diversity of points of view, the major political actors in our country continue to feed the work of their rich opinions. This is the case of Chairman Ni John Fru Ndi of the SDF, whom the President of the Major National Dialogue received today. Jean-Jacques EKINDI on his part, President of the Progressive Movement, took part in discussions as a member of the

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Commission on the Reconstruction and Development of the Regions Affected by the crisis and has been contributing.

As I speak, all the committees have completed their work.

Others have already drafted their resolutions and recommendations. This is the case of the Commission on Decentralization and Local Development. As of tomorrow at 09.00 a.m., this commission will adopt its report and recommendations.

As indicated in the programme, the restitution of the work of the various commissions will be held under the coordination of the President of the Major National Dialogue, Chief Dr. Joseph DION NGUTE, as from 11 a.m. This plenary session will be followed by the adoption of the General Report of the Major National Dialogue.

I therefore look forward to seeing you tomorrow to follow with the greatest attention these different and important sequences of our historic meeting at the Yaounde Conference Centre.

Thank you and good night.