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

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press,

The plenary session to report back on the work of the commissions has just ended, under the coordination of the President of the Major National Dialogue,

In the meantime, **the President of the Republic, His Excellency Paul BIYA**, has ordered the discontinuance of the proceedings pending before the Military Tribunals against certain persons arrested and detained for misdemeanours committed in the context of the crisis in the North-West and South-West regions.

This important presidential measure concerns three hundred and thirty-three (333) people. It will be implemented without delay by the Minister Delegate at the Presidency, in charge of Defence.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press,

With this new order, the Head of State once again confirms his irreversible resolve to work towards the restoration of peace in the North-West and South-West regions, to see our young compatriots from these two regions return to the right path and make their contributions to the lofty task of national construction.

I would like to remind you that since the beginning of the crisis, this concern for appeasement has been a constant concern of the **President of the Republic, His Excellency Paul BIYA**.

This is reflected in the many measures taken to this end, including:

- the discontinuance, in August 2017, of the pending proceedings before the Yaoundé Military Tribunal against certain leaders from the North-West and South-West of Cameroon accused of acts of terrorism,
- the discontinuance, in December 2018, of pending legal proceedings against 289 people arrested for offences committed in connection with this crisis,
- the offer of peace to members of armed groups invited to lay down their arms and benefit from a social reintegration process,
- the launch of a comprehensive humanitarian assistance plan for our stricken compatriots in the North-West and South-West regions,
- the establishment of the National Committee for Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration,

And the list is not exhaustive.

In any case, all these presidential measures, including today's, must be seen as decisive steps towards a peaceful resolution of the crisis in the North-West and South-West regions.



Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press,

Since we are in the register of important announcements, I would like to inform you that the participants in the Major National Dialogue have reached major resolutions today during the plenary debriefing session.

Let me share with you some of them:

- the adoption of a special status for the two regions of the North-West and South-West, in accordance with Article 62 of our Constitution, including the restoration of a House of Traditional Chiefs in these two regions and the election of local governors in these two regions;
- the return to the name "United Republic of Cameroon";
- the enforcement of Article 66 of the Constitution on the declaration of assets;
- the rotation of the celebration of the National Day of Unity among regions;
- the rapid integration of ex-combatants into society;
- the immediate relaunch of certain airport and seaport projects in the South-West and North-West,
- the insertion of English sentences in presidential speeches, among other things.

The Final Report of the Major National Dialogue will provide more details on these resolutions and recommendations formulated by the kinetic forces of our country, after five days of intense and rich consultations.

I therefore invite you here tomorrow at the Yaounde Conference Centre to witness the final act of the Major National Dialogue.

Thank you for your kind attention.