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**STATEMENT ON THE ATTACK ON THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE OCCASION
OF HIS VISIT TO BAMENDA AND THE URGENT NEED TO END THE CIVIL
WAR IN THE ANGLOPHONE REGIONS THROUGH AN INCLUSIVE AND
SINCERE NATIONAL DIALOGUE**

On Tuesday, 5 October 2021, as the Prime Minister, Joseph DION NGUTE, and his entourage were on their way to Bamenda in the North West Region, they were attacked by gunfire, the origin of which is still unknown.

On behalf of the Cameroon Renaissance Movement (CRM) and on my own behalf, I condemn these attacks without reservation, as I have always condemned this absurd war, especially the attacks on the civilian population.

These exceptionally serious armed incidents come a few days after the statement of the incumbent President, read by the Minister of External Relations before the 76th General Assembly of the United Nations in New York, in which he maliciously and arrogantly asserted that "the government's action is already bearing fruit, visible in the gradual return of peace".

The firing of weapons against the Prime Minister and his entourage is a stinging denial of this false message to the world by the Cameroonian government on the reality of the security situation in the two Anglophone regions of our country.

They are proof, if any were needed, of the obvious failure of the Grand National Dialogue held in 2019.

As I reiterated recently, after the heavy toll suffered by the Battalion of Rapid Intervention (BIR) in the conflict zone, the government in power should not be ashamed to admit that it has made a mistake in the management of the Anglophone crisis, which has become a disastrous civil war.

It is time to recognise the impertinence of a military solution to this deadly crisis, as well as the ineptitude of the so-called Grand National Dialogue to resolve it, and consequently to convene a genuine and inclusive national dialogue to put an end to this disaster. This is the wish of the overwhelming majority of Cameroonians today, to which the Government cannot continue to be deaf or indifferent. This is the best interest of the Cameroonian Nation.

Done in Yaoundé, on 7 October 2021,

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