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STATEMENT ON THE ELECTORAL FRAUD BEING PREPARED WITHIN THE CPDM-REGIME IN VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS

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During a prime time programme broadcast on a national television channel on Tuesday 12 October 2021, the CPDM announced, in a cryptic manner, that at the end of the renewal of the local organs of this party, it would have some four million militants up to date with their dues!

This announcement could have been considered as one of those blunders that this political party is used to. On the contrary, such an announcement is deeply worrying when one adds up the savage fraud perpetrated by this party in active complicity with the electoral body, ELECAM, the Administration, especially through the territorial administration, the Justice institution in all its branches, the public media and the Constitutional Council, during the historic presidential elections of October 2018 and the double municipal and legislative elections of February 2020, the pitiful spectacle of gross fraud that its militants, and not the least, offered to public opinion during the recent renewal of the offices of its local bodies.

This is the place to reveal that during the 2018 presidential election, the victory of the CPDM candidate with 71.2% announced in advance by a fake poll fabricated by MINAT was based on the work of a fraud software developed by one of the companies then involved in the security of national identity cards. The figures generated by the computer thanks to the fraud software are validated afterwards by the falsification of the minutes during the time that these minutes remain at ELECAM, that is 48 hours, knowing that only the minutes of ELECAM are authentic, in accordance with the Electoral Code in force.

The statement made on 12 October reveals the intentions of the regime to repeat these serious frauds that taint and invalidate the elections in Cameroon, and even to intensify them. In fact, behind this grotesque announcement is nothing less than a project of electoral coup d'état.

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On 1 August 2021, ELECAM announced that the yet-to-be-cleaned national voter register showed 7,058,122 (seven million fifty-eight thousand one hundred and twenty-two) registered voters. This figure is not credible. It betrays ELECAM's shady game and its permanent manipulation of registrations in order not to deviate from the figures alleged by the manufacturers of the CPDM database whose interests it has shamelessly served since its creation, election after election.

Since 2017, that is, a year before the October 2018 presidential poll, any Cameroonian or any attentive foreign observer has been able to witness an effective mobilisation of the population, especially the youth, for registration on the electoral rolls. This renewed interest in the elections began, in truth, after the creation of the CRM and its public voter registration campaigns in the streets and markets, around public buildings, etc. Subsequently, the CRM was followed by other political parties and organisations, confirming the renewed interest of Cameroonians in elections. However, in spite of the popular mobilisation observed, ELECAM's statistical data have always fallen far short of expectations.

With more than 26 million inhabitants and despite this undeniable mobilisation for the registration of voters, ELECAM is not convincing with the figure of 7,058,122 registered voters (and this before the cleaning of the electoral roll), made public on 21 August! Many Cameroonians who registered to vote have not seen their names published on the ELECAM lists, even though they have registration receipts.

It is to cover up these unspeakable practices that ELECAM violates Article 83 (2) of the Electoral Code which requires it to post the voters' lists no later than 4 days before the voting day. During the October 2018 presidential elections, despite the summons issued by the CRM to ELECAM, it was on the very day of the vote that the lists tailor-made for the CPDM were finally posted by Elections Cameroon. All Cameroonians and all those who played the roles of 'international observers' in this election can attest to this.

Thus, behind this unrealistic and incongruous announcement of the CPDM, according to which it would count four million registered militants, there is a real electoral coup d'état for which ELECAM is preparing the public opinion by deliberately underestimating the true number of registered voters.

Let it be clear to the CPDM and its supporters, the CRM and the People of Change will not tolerate any fraud in any future elections in our country. The plundering of the Cameroonian

people during the historic October 2018 presidential polls will not be repeated without serious consequences for the regime.

It is to avert such consequences that the CRM has worked hard with several other political parties and civil society organisations to present to the Cameroonian people and then propose to the Government a draft text of amendments for a consensual reform of the Electoral Code through a revision law.

I call on the militants and sympathisers of our party as well as the People of Change in peace and through the ballot box to remain vigilant. I call on them to be ready to block the way to the electoral coup d'état that is being prepared, based on the imagined number of fictitious members of the CPDM.

Those who hope to hold on to power by undemocratic means and methods should desist from now on, for they will find a determined Cameroonian people in their path. If, for the misfortune of our country, such a coup de force should be attempted, I shall be at the side of our People in this vital struggle for the future of the Nation. For our common future will certainly depend on the outcome of this final battle.

I will not betray you!

Yaoundé, 26 October 2021

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