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## **STATEMENT ON THE MISTREATMENT OF CAMEROONIANS IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA AND THE UNACCEPTABLE INDIFFERENCE OF THE CAMEROONIAN GOVERNMENT**

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Recently, information reaching us on the situation of Cameroonians living or being in Equatorial Guinea is alarming. These reports mention violent raids, even beatings, targeting emigrants in general and Cameroonians in particular.

The Republic of Equatorial Guinea is a sovereign state. It is therefore free to enforce the laws it has adopted. However, this sister country has ratified several international conventions that protect human rights, including the rights of foreigners, whether they are residents or migrants.

It is therefore based on these considerations that the Cameroon Renaissance Movement (CRM) protests against the treatment of Cameroonian nationals by the authorities of Equatorial Guinea: profiling, gratuitous violence, inhuman, cruel and degrading treatment, theft of property, spoliations, etc. Even in the event of a lack of a residence permit, the migrant deserves to be treated humanely.

The CRM deplors the fact that these expulsions of Cameroonian nationals, organised in violation of applicable international rules, are unfortunately not the first. The CRM invites the authorities of the sister Republic of Equatorial Guinea to become aware of the perception that these brutalities convey in Cameroonian opinion.

The Cameroonian people wish to maintain good neighbourly relations with the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, but not at the cost of permanently sacrificing the dignity and interests of Cameroonians living on Equatorial Guinean soil.

The drama of Cameroonians living in Equatorial Guinea, like unfortunately the fate of the Cameroonian Diaspora in general, does not seem to concern the Government of our country. What happens to the property and assets of Cameroonians expelled under the conditions described above? How are our compatriots forced to rush back to Cameroon received and supported for their reintegration into their country?

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As usual, when faced with the distress of Cameroonians abroad, the government in power remains silent, ashamed of a reality that exposes the extent of its economic and social failure after nearly forty years of autocratic management.

The Cameroonians, who are permanently subjected to unacceptable humiliations in this neighbouring country, are compatriots who are fleeing misery in their country, a country that once provided development aid to other countries.

The CRM calls on the Government to urgently demand explanations from the Government of Equatorial Guinea.

The CRM stands alongside the Cameroonians, victims of these abuses on Equatorial Guinean soil, and calls on the Government of Cameroon to guarantee consular assistance to them, and to put in place emergency assistance to those of them who return to Cameroon by whatever means.

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