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PUBLIC RELEASE ON THE FATE OF DISTRESSED ENGLISH-SPEAKING TRADERS AT ETOUDI BUS TERMINAL

By a press release dated 30 June 2023, the Mayor of the City of Yaoundé invited traders and transporters operating on the site of the former Etoudi bus terminal to vacate the premises latest by July 10 2023. This date had been preceded by a first initial deadline set for 23 June 2023.

The Cameroon Renaissance Movement (CRM) has taken note of the said release as well as the state of distress in which this situation has plunged the traders and transporters concerned, who are mainly from the English-speaking regions of the country.

In the campaigning programme of its candidate for the presidential election of 7 October 2018, CRM made the development of the territory and our cities the centre of its concerns and proposed in this regard a project entitled: "Building a capital ". This shows how much CRM understands and warmly encourages the ambition to modernize our capital, which is carried by the municipal executive of the City of Yaoundé.

However, CRM calls on the authorities of the City, in particular the Mayor, to be careful and sensitive to the particular situation of the populations concerned by the eviction measure. These are, in fact, more than 150 traders, mainly English-speaking populations, most of whom either are or host displaced people from the North-West and South-West regions ravaged by an armed conflict which has been going on for nearly 7 years.

This is why the CRM appeals to the humanism of the municipal authorities in the resolution of this situation, urging them to find common ground with the compatriots concerned. The City of Yaoundé could, for example, give them another substantial deadline for their eviction, in order to allow them to amortize a good part of the investments they have made, in particular for the reconstruction of their shops on the site in question. Their relocation to the abandoned and totally unsanitary site of the Etoudi market not only causes them to lose their customers, but exposes them to the insecurity of aggressors of all kinds.

The CRM therefore invites the authorities of the City to keep the spirit of dialogue already

perceptible through the postponement of the initial date of eviction in the management of this delicate situation at the humanitarian point.

Done in Yaoundé on 16 July 2023

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