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## STATEMENT ON THE ONGOING ARMED CONFLICT AND ACCUMULATION OF DEATHS IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING REGIONS OF OUR COUNTRY

The brutal assassination of teachers, plus an injured priest, which occurred on 26 September 2023 in the Kembong village, Manyu Division, South-West Region, adding to several other assassinations perpetrated during this back-to-school period in the two English-speaking Regions of the country, recalls how urgent it is to return to the table for an inclusive and frank political dialogue, during which the legitimate political concerns of our English-speaking compatriots, and in particular the question of the form of the State, must be examined in a patriotic spirit.

On behalf on the Cameroon Renaissance Movement (CRM) and myself I present our most saddened condolences to the families of the compatriots cowardly murdered in Kembong and to all victims, military and civilian, of this armed conflict that as we have imposed on ourselves as a Nation.

How many additional deaths will it take for all the parties involved in this civil war which has been plaguing the English-speaking regions of our country for more than six years to finally decide to put an end to it? This senseless war sows endless mourning and desolation, distracts resources that could have been used in particular to give a future to Cameroonian youth, gradually ruins the development prospects of these regions and creates an ever-widening gap between Cameroonians.

Whatever our opinions on this fire which continues to burn even when its flames are not always bright, it is a disaster for our country.

The CRM is consistent in its position regarding this tragedy that we could have avoided, with a little political will. He reiterates that it is through a political approach, and not through weapons, that this conflict can be stopped and an appropriate solution provided to the problems posed. Neither the military operations of the National Army nor the attacks of armed secessionist groups will bring lasting solution to the causes of this conflict which has already caused too

much damage of all kinds.

Yaounde the 29th September 2023 The National President Maurice Kamto

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