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STATEMENT ON THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

There are indications that the CPDM is persisting with its idea of holding the presidential election before the legislative and municipal elections due to be held in February 2025. In my press conference of 27 July 2023 (follow the link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/Df8D2j5Tgs3PK59e/?mibextid=oFDknk>), I explained why such a decision would be contrary to the Constitution of our country and why it would be unjustified in financial terms and, all other things being equal, in terms of the circumstances required by the Constitution. The persistence of this idea leads me to add the following:

1) On the institutional level, flouting the electoral calendar to postpone the legislative and municipal elections for 18 months or indefinitely would result in either the extension of the term of office of the Regional Councillors, or the election of new Regional Councillors by Municipal Councillors with no elective mandate, surviving only thanks to the decree extending the duration of their term of office, and consequently devoid of any democratic legitimacy. This would taint the legitimacy of these institutions (Regional Councils) and would be profoundly undemocratic because it would run counter to the republican principle of election as the method of appointing representatives of the Cameroonian people to these institutions. Cameroon would thus be transformed into an authentic monarchical republic.

2) On the political front, reversing the electoral calendar to hold the presidential election before the legislative and municipal elections would be a concrete expression of the panic that has gripped the CPDM.

This party, which has led Cameroon into a dead end, hopes to be able to engage in damage control to salvage the name of its President, which is the only cement that still allows the various enemy clans of this party in tatters to give themselves an apparent cohesion; But whatever is done to polish up the facade, this President, who is only a human being, can take no more, worn down as he is by decades of exercising undivided power so that those who still promote his candidacy for an election could be prosecuted for mistreating an elderly person who deserves to

be cared for and protected.

The CPDM leaders naively hope that, with the system of fraud and control over those in charge of state organs put in place by the President of their party, no one would dare declare the latter's electoral defeat, even if, as in 2018, he was to lose at the ballot box. As a result, they plan to capitalise on the fact that he still holds executive power in the hope of winning the legislative and municipal elections, which have been postponed to a date more convenient to them.

All this is wasted effort. Cameroonians are committed to respecting the electoral calendar. But more than anything else, they are determined to bring about democratic Change in their country and in their lives in 2025.

I therefore urge them to continue their massive registration on the electoral registers, to go out and vote when the time comes, to keep a close watch on the voting process and to defend their vote if necessary.

Yaoundé, 15 March 2024

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