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ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACCESSION
OF HIS EXCELLENCY PAUL BIYA TO THE SUPREME MAGISTRACY SUPRÊME

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

TO ALL

- Members of the Political Bureau and the Central Committee;
- Heads of the Permanent Regional and Divisional Delegations of the Central Committee;
- Madam President of the National Bureau of the WCPDM;
- Mr Vice President of the National Bureau of the YCPDM;
- Presidents of the CPDM, WCPDM and YCPDM Bureaus of the Basic Organs;
- Fellow militants.

Theme: "Let us further strengthen our mobilisation behind President Paul BIYA to jointly pursue nation building actions with one heart, peace and stability under the prism and spirit of National New Deal"

Following a well-established tradition, taking into account the current mutations in Cameroon and in the world, in communion with all our compatriots of good faith and good will, fellow militants, allies, friends and sympathizers of the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement shall celebrate on 6 November 2022, with all the appropriate pomp, the fortieth anniversary of this blessed day of 6 November 1982 when, **pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and crowned with sovereign legitimacy, His Excellency Paul BIYA acceded to the highest office of the State, and was entrusted before all and sundry with the destiny of our dear and beautiful country.**

On that very day, the wind of the **NATIONAL NEW DEAL** blew over Cameroon, and its history, as never before, witnessed a new dawn, engulfed in the glowing flames of the fire of youthful promise and projecting, towards radiant horizons, the countless dormant dreams of our still frightened compatriots,

articulated around the values, challenges and hopes of freedom, democracy, peace, progress, rigour, moralisation, social justice and prosperity.

Forty years already! Yes, forty years, and it seems like yesterday.

It seems like yesterday, especially for the contemporaries of the event, whose memories of the nation radiating with a popular joy unimaginable and unsuspected at that time, and yet lived that day, are certainly imperishable and ineffable. But really, will we ever be able to restore, describe and decipher with the emotional intensity and gravity of the moment, the shivers that ran through Cameroonians on 6 November 1982 throughout the national territory.

It seems like yesterday, basically because the **New Deal is still at our doorstep and speaks to us every day, better than the day before**, to remind us of **the common commitment** we solemnly took on 6 November 1982 **to accompany and support without reserve the intuitive ambition of the new President for Cameroon**. For, as it was revealed on 6 November 1982, in the innocence of euphoria and the candour of popular jubilation, the New Deal is **a very beautiful story shared by Paul BIYA and Cameroon's people**, lived and assumed by the President together with Cameroon's people. This history is forever engraved in the collective unconscious, because the **New Deal has profoundly changed Cameroon**. And they are innumerable, the imposing and multisectoral projects that have been carried out over the past four decades by President Paul BIYA, with vision and mastery, despite the obstacles, misappropriations, resistance and annoyances, in order to give substance **to his intimate convictions and his personality fundamentally turned towards the greatness of Cameroon**, in a nutshell, making Cameroon economy, one of the few fully self-centred economies of Central Africa.

Without being exhaustive, we can mention the methodical and irreversible implementation of the pillars of democracy and sustainable development; the phenomenal deployment of communication, educational, medical and energy infrastructures; the expansion of the industrial fabric; the endowment of the country with high quality human resources; the influence of our diplomacy in the galaxy of international affairs; the performances of our athletes and sportsmen in all the arenas of the world; the brilliance of our compatriots on the world highways of research and science, etc. The picture of achievements that mark the wise and realistic conduct of the Nation's affairs throughout the forty years of the National New Deal is absolutely glowing and impressive.

But, beyond the inventory of works and creations, one of the greatest achievements of the New Deal **is to have been able to prepare our country to face the challenges of the 21st century and to open up to the new world**, so complex, in perpetual change and prey to incessant, violent and unpredictable crises,

without denying itself or compromising itself, while always jealously guarding to remain master of its destiny.

It is indeed thanks to the New Deal that we can proudly speak of Cameroon as a country that takes its rightful place in the concert of nations, methodically establishes its singularity and identity, faces up, resists and imposes itself according to its values and genius, establishes its authenticity in its diversity as a country that progresses with sure and measured steps, by proposing its own model.

It is with the New Deal that Cameroon has forged **the indomitable mentality** that accompanies it in all circumstances and in all places, the "**fighting spirit**", this conquering spirit that characterises it on all fields of confrontation and competition, the resilience that arouses so much covetousness, the pride that distances it from any desire to mimic a world in the grip of uniformity, the patience and strength of silence that it patiently cultivates, the respect for age and elders as well as the culture of moderation and balance that is established in behaviour...

In short, **lived as a state of mind**, the National New Deal is a home-grown reality, thanks to which, nowadays, everyone admits and recognises **that Cameroon is Cameroon**. A country that is one, united and indivisible

We are therefore invited, on 6 November 2022, to witness the fortieth anniversary of the New Deal in the most beautiful way, and to **celebrate President Paul BIYA, with festive spirit** who, thanks to his exceptional career, never ceases to commit himself in a sacrificial manner for the purpose of accomplishing his exalting mission, with a view to perpetuating the spirit of the National New Deal, beyond every doubt, unfailingly and without giving up, despite the hazards and dangers, the betrayals and oppositions, with full awareness of his responsibilities which he carries out with persistence and biblical wisdom, strengthened in his approach, from ballot to ballot, by the renewed confidence of the vast majority of the Cameroonian people.

On 6 November 2022, we shall therefore legitimately rejoice, to mark the historic day, when our illustrious Champion began, like a tireless builder, to commit himself pricelessly for our common course, equal access to freedom and collective accession to the garden of democratic delights. While reminding ourselves of the great achievements of the New Deal over the past years and the indelible mark of President Paul BIYA's leadership, this fortieth anniversary celebration will also be an opportunity to take a thought through and prospective look at the future challenges, and plan better, all of us nourished as if by a viaticum, by the values, principles and ideals that President Paul BIYA placed from the foundation of his social doctrine and his political action.

For, the issues of the day and the challenges of the future are already on our doorstep. Whether it is the security of the Nation, which is chipped away in certain

localities; living together, which is threatened by multiple upheavals; the general desire for peace, unity, solidarity and social justice forged by the personality of President Paul BIYA, but shaken by the demons of division; the economic trajectory to be refined and adapted to the variables at stake; the continued adaptation of economic growth to the country's demographic growth; the more effective, efficient and sustainable implementation of public policies in all aspects of economic and social life; the legitimate expectations of the youth to be met. These and many other projects are the horizon reflected in the rear-view mirror.

By celebrating yesterday, this entails that today already reminds us insistently of the workshops of tomorrow. Thus, in view of the stakes and challenges, it is proposed that the festivities be structured around the theme: ***"Let us further strengthen our mobilisation behind President Paul BIYA to jointly pursue nation building actions with one heart, peace and stability under the prism and spirit of National New Deal"***

In the field, **acting in particular on the occasion, as representatives of the Secretary General of the Central Committee, equally**, the Heads of the Permanent Regional Delegations of the Central Committee will preside over the celebrations of the forty years of the National New Deal in the localities of their choice. Naturally, as in the past, the celebration will be organised in the CPDM sections, under the supervision and guidance of the Heads of the Permanent Divisional Delegations of the Central Committee. To this end, the Chairpersons of the CPDM sections, in collaboration with the Chairpersons of the WCPDM and YCPDM sections shall ensure the greatest mobilisation of CPDM militants, friends, allies and sympathisers in their ranks and positions within the Party and various public and private administrations, as well as all our compatriots of goodwill.

Finally, the various interventions made, based on and relating to this Circular takes into consideration the specifications of each constituency and territory, and ensures the implementation of the achievements of the New Deal at the local level. This therefore seeks to strike a balance between festive celebrations and moments of creative and innovative thoughts, in order to make 6 November 2022 **an unprecedented and exceptional day for National New Deal and general support for the President of the Republic, His Excellency Paul BIYA.**

Happy Birthday to all

**Jean NKUETE**
The Secretary General of the Central Committee