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ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
CAMEROON PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT (CPDM), ON 24  
MARCH 2023

The Secretary General of the Central Committee

TO

- Ladies and Gentlemen:
  - Members of the Political Bureau and the Central Committee;
  - Heads of the Regional and Divisional Permanent Delegations of the Central Committee;
- President of the National Executive of the WCPDM;
- Vice-President of the National Executive of the YCPDM;
- Presidents of the CPDM, WCPDM, YCPDM Basic Organ Executives;
- All militants.

**Theme: "Rejoicing, gathering and mobilising behind the National President Paul BIYA, in full awareness of the challenges and future electoral stakes".**

Next 24 March 2023, we will be celebrating the 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our great Party, the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement (CPDM), in a special atmosphere, marked by the laudable results of the election of senators on 12 March 2023.

It is therefore a good and appropriate opportunity to commemorate, rejoice, celebrate, even, with pomp and fervour, but also to pause, think and project. For, while it is legitimate and worthy to celebrate, the challenges of the future forbid us to turn our backs on forecasting.

As you all know, our desire to celebrate the Anniversary of our Party has been stifled in recent years and our celebrations suppressed by the gloomy context of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has darkened the atmosphere for all nations of the world. Fortunately, since the last edition, we are gradually emerging from this health calamity and our activists are gradually returning to the festive joys of camaraderie around the Party's



Anniversary. It is this momentum that we intend to build this year, without losing sight of both the context and the challenges on the horizon.

The celebration of the party's 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coincides, practically, with the exultation of an election for which we are serenely awaiting the publication of the final results by the Constitutional Council, at the end of a possible post-electoral dispute. However, we can already congratulate ourselves on the lucidity, clear-sightedness and tactical sense of our comrades, as well as on their mastery of the terrain during the nomination process, the electoral campaign and election day. All of these attitudes and behaviours reflect the extra margin of power that our Party has achieved over the last decade.

In other words, on the occasion of the CPDM's 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are celebrating the maturity of a political organisation that continues to leave its mark on the history of our country, despite the storms and turbulence of all kinds. At the same time, we are celebrating the resilience and continued relevance of the values of rigour, moralisation, social justice, democracy, peace, solidarity and unity that are embedded in the DNA of the Party.

It is therefore a question of continuing to consolidate the remarkable achievements and the equally remarkable work accomplished over the past thirty-eight years with renewed determination and efficiency, and of not allowing ourselves to be distracted or deconcentrated by the eloquent electoral results that we continue to reap.

On the contrary, as a leading party, our responsibility as a metronome of national political life requires us to imagine innovative projects, to initiate realistic ambitions, to achieve efficient objectives, to inspire the youth, to guide the citizens, in a nutshell, to be the ideological and political engine of a Nation in perpetual quest for peace, unity, integration, prosperity and social justice. It is in this regard that the satisfactory results obtained in the election of senators call on CPDM elected representatives to keep the promise of development of our territories, by making the Senate fully play its role of representing local and regional authorities.

Thus, the celebration of the 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Party is to be seen as both a festive and reflective pause.





Of course, we cannot deny ourselves the pleasure of electoral results that are the envy of the world, especially those of the latest senatorial elections. We also have no right to pretend that electoral successes are not the result of the hard work of militants, who have faithfully and devotedly worked alongside the National President, His Excellency Paul BIYA. In short, we cannot deprive ourselves of the tradition of the March 24 recreational meetings which are now part of the national political landscape.

However, as we approach important forthcoming elections, we must not lose sight of the imperative need to prepare diligently and meticulously for the challenges of this major electoral period. It is fortunate that these challenges were understood during the election of senators, during which it was widely recalled that voting was not sufficient in itself, but should be seen as a preparation for even more ambitious outcomes. The attitudes of the various parties, the conduct of the electoral operations by the designated officials and the results obtained attest to the awareness within the Party of the challenges ahead. I therefore encourage you to maintain this awareness throughout and after the celebration.

Indeed, our capacity to anticipate future problems depends on the Nation's ability to tackle the numerous challenges of tomorrow. The success of the Government's policies depends on our lucid reflection on the modernisation and progress of our Nation. Our responsibility is so great that celebration and reflection must go hand in hand at our meetings on 24 March.

It is in this context that the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement will remain the foundation for the emergence of a united and indivisible Cameroon; the framework for the emancipation of women and youth, peace and social justice; the space for the blossoming of the noble values of the National New Deal. To this end, the celebration of the 38 years of the Party has been placed under the following theme: ***"Rejoicing, gathering and mobilising behind the National President Paul BIYA, in full awareness of the challenges and future electoral stakes"***.

On the field, the various CPDM Section Presidents are organising the celebration of the 38 years of the Party in each political unit, in coordination with the WCPDM and YCPDM Section Presidents, with the esteemed assistance of the members of Government, parliamentarians, members of the Central Committee, mayors and municipal executives, not forgetting the



local militant elites, under the supervision of the Heads of the Regional Permanent Delegations of the Central Committee and the stewardship of the Heads of the Divisional Permanent Delegations,

This will be an opportunity to pay special attention to Municipal and Regional Councillors, and to solemnly extend to them the congratulations and gratitude of the Party in the wake of the election of Senators held on 12 March 2023.

I particularly urge the CPDM Section Presidents to massively mobilise the militants, friends, sympathisers and voters of the Party in a spirit of great unity, avoiding any form of exclusion, because if there is one value that will be cardinal and decisive in meeting tomorrow's challenges, it is unity.

Indeed, the brilliance of the Party's future successes and that of our country's future will depend on our capacity to bring together, more than ever, the greatest number of our compatriots around the values and options so happily and wisely advocated by the National President, His Excellency Paul BIYA.

Happy birthday to all.

Happy Anniversary to the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement.



**The Secretary General of the Central Committee**