



NOTE NO. **002** /CPDM/CC/SG OF **11 SEPT 2020** TO
IMPLEMENT CIRCULAR NO002 / CPDM/NP OF 10TH SEPTEMBER
2020 RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OPERATIONS OF CPDM
CANDIDATES FOR THE ELECTION OF REGIONAL COUNCILLORS
OF 6 DECEMBER 2020.

This note is to implement the provisions of the National President's Circular referred to above, setting out the conditions for the nomination of candidates of the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement for the election of Regional Councillors from 6 December 2020.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1- The Party's target during the election of 6 December 2020 is to toughen its already affirmed leadership at the end of the twin legislative and municipal elections on last 9 February. Thus, by ensuring the control of the Regional Councils, it will enable the Government to complete, in all tranquillity, the implementation of decentralization driven and promoted by the National President, His Excellency Paul BIYA.
- 2- In these times when hate speech and identity retrenchment are endangering our common destiny, the CPDM, as the guarantor, behind its leader, of unity in diversity of our country, will ensure the nomination of women, men and youths capable of helping the National President, President of the Republic, to safeguard national unity and territorial integrity, and also ensure the quality of governance of the Regions.
- 3- The nomination operations shall therefore ensure that candidates emerge from amongst comrades with an unconditional love for the Fatherland, loyal, disciplined, committed, self-confident, driven by the general interest rather than by personal ambitions, and having understood the imperative need to go further in decentralization in order to develop the rich diversity of the Cameroonian nation

II. NOMINATION COMMITTEES

- At the opening of the session, the various Committee Heads shall ensure the prior identification of the members of their Committees, in order to verify the authenticity and legitimacy of those taking part.
- Militants who were sanctioned during the last session of the ad hoc Disciplinary Committee of the Central Committee from 20 to 31 August 2020 shall not be part of the Committees.
- The work of the Committee shall be done behind closed doors.
- The Committees sighted in the National President's Circular shall carry out specific and complementary operations in the nomination operations.

1- Functions of the Divisional Committee for Reception and Analysis.

- *the reception of files*
 - the files must be submitted individually, by each candidate;
 - the registration of a request for nomination is subject to the payment of the application fee provided for in point 3.2 of the National President's Circular; and
 - the verification of files must be carried out in the presence of the candidate before the issuance of the deposit receipt.
- *the distribution, by section (sub-division), of the Regional Councillors (Divisional Delegates)*
 - The number of Regional Councillors (Divisional Delegates) per Division is provided for by Decree No. 2020/526 of 2 September 2020;
 - when the number of Regional Councillors does not allow for an equitable distribution, the seats remaining after the first allocation are distributed with regard to the number of Municipal Councillors, the Party's performance in the municipal elections of 9 February 2020, demographics

as well as the allocation of seats reserved for traditional Rulers;

- ***control of the conformity of documents in the files.***
Particular attention should be paid to:

- the nature of the documents required (birth certificate and copy of birth certificate) ;
- the signatories of the documents;
- the period of validity; and
- saturation.

- **analysis of files**

- It should be carried out exclusively on the basis of the criteria set by the Law and the requirements of the Party;
- Unless absolutely necessary, the hearing of candidates by the Committee is not allowed.

- ***The list of proposed candidates from the jurisdiction for nomination in the Party***

- Must respect the following:
 - gender,
 - youths,
 - emergence of new figures,
 - sociological representation,
 - considerations of sharing and equity.
- Particular attention must be paid to the order in which candidates are placed on the lists, taking into account the mixed single round ballot system, which includes a majority system and a proportional representation system.

2- Functions of the Regional Control Committee

- **supervision of the activities of the Divisional Committee for Reception and Analysis** by ensuring:

- respect for ethical dimensions (consideration of all members in the progress of the activities of the Divisional Committee);
- respect for deadlines.

- **evaluation** of the list of candidates proposed by the Divisional Committee for Reception and Analysis and its **transmission** to the National Nomination Committee together with observations.

3- Functions of the National Control Committee

- general supervision of nomination operations ;
- relations with the National President through the President of the National Nomination Committee;
- examination of transmitted files by the Regional Committee;
- preparation of the nomination file for the National President.

III. CANDIDATES

- 1- In accordance with the spirit and letter of the National President's Circular, the choice of candidates for the election of Regional Councillors must reflect individual ethics and incorporate the current context.
- 2- The aim is to grant Party nomination to comrades who are ready to take up the challenges facing our country through the implementation process of decentralization.

They should be:

- devoted, faithful and loyal militants;
- self-confident militants who care about the public interest rather than their individual careers;
- disciplined militants. In this respect, comrades who were disciplined during the last session of the ad hoc Disciplinary Committee of the Central Committee from 20 to 31 August 2020 are not eligible for nomination.
- militants who are wholly imbued and fully aware of the stakes and challenges of decentralization and local development.

- 3- Objectivity must be the watchword of nomination operations. The following are therefore to be forbidden within the Committee:

- Expulsion;
- favouritism;
- settling of scores;
- corruption, etc.

IV. GENDER, YOUTHS, MINORITIES AND SOCIOLOGICAL REPRESENTATION

- 1- Taking into account women, youths, minorities and sociological representation is a primary concern of the National President.
- 2- They must be carefully considered during the nomination operation as they are, above all, determining factors in the expansion of the Party's audience.
- 3- No proposed list made by the Divisional Committee for Reception and Analysis shall be accepted if it does not include youths and women in fair proportions.
- 4- By minorities, we refer in particular to our comrades with disabilities.
- 5- The consideration of sociological representation is particularly called for in the large cosmopolitan agglomerations of our country.

V. SHARING, EMERGENCE AND PROMOTION OF NEW FIGURES

- 1- Sharing, emergence and promotion of new figures are at the heart of the National President's Circular.

2- Sharing :

- It refers to the non-accumulation of functions or mandates so as to allow other comrades to benefit from the Party's recognition.
- Also, Comrade Members of the Government and persons of equivalent status, Presidents of Consular Chambers, Senators, Parliamentarians and Municipal Councillors should allow other militants to aspire to the mandate of Regional Councillor.

- Sharing also refers to the non-conservation of elective positions and political or administrative responsibilities within the same jurisdiction (ethnic group, clan, family).

3- The emergence and promotion of new figures:

- By this, priority should be given, whenever possible, to the selection of new figures in Party lists.

VI. THE WORKING METHODOLOGY WITHIN THE DIVISIONAL COMMITTEES FOR RECEPTION AND ANALYSIS

The activities of the Divisional Committee for Reception and Analysis shall be as follows:

1- examination of files according to sub-divisions and in alphabetical order of the sub-division as follows:

- Firstly, the Party documents. This is to ensure that the candidate meets the Party's requirements for nomination eligibility;
- Besides, ELECAM documents. This is to ensure compliance; and
- Finally, the selection of one or more candidates to be proposed for nomination with respect to their sub-division.

2- completion of the proposed list of candidates to be forwarded to the Regional Control Committee:

- must be signed by the President of the Divisional Committee for Reception and Analysis as well as the first Rapporteur;
- must be sent to the Regional Control Committee together with a report presenting the proposed candidates.

3- Processing the files of candidates definitively selected for nomination

- upon receipt of the final nomination list agreed on by the Central Committee and signed by the Secretary General of the Central Committee, representative of the Party, the Committee shall proceed to the detailed final verifications of candidate final nomination files.

4- The submission of files to ELECAM divisional branches

- **the verified candidate final nomination files** shall be submitted to ELECAM divisional branches by the President of the Divisional Committee for Reception and Control, the Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteurs.

VII. AGENDA

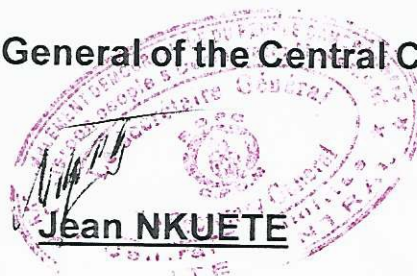
- 1- Each Divisional Committee for Reception and Analysis has a maximum period of **forty-eight hours (2 days)** from the official starting date of operations to accomplish its mission.
- 2- Each Regional Control Committee have one day, upon receipt of the files and lists transmitted by the lower Committee, to close their work and transmit their files to the National Nomination Committee.
- 3- If necessary, the Secretary General of the Central Committee, Chairman of the National Nomination Committee, shall take special measures to ensure the proper conduct of nomination operations within the time limits.

VIII. OTHER PROVISIONS

- 1- All candidate files for the Party must be sent to the National Nomination Committee, through the Regional Control Committees.
- 2- All candidate files for ELECAM must be kept at the Divisional Committees for Reception and Analysis.
- 3- The various Committees must take particular care in the drafting of their final reports.
- 4- The Reports of the Divisional Committees must imperatively justify why some candidates were not selected for nomination, as well as those relating to the choice of the proposed candidates.

The President of the National Nomination Committee, those of Divisional Committee for Reception and Analysis and Regional Control Committee are responsible for the strict application of the provisions of this note.

The Secretary General of the Central Committee,



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