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IT IS TIME FOR ROBUST INTERVENTION WITH STIFF SANCTIONS AGAINST The REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

Once more LRC has shown extreme bad faith that it can never be trusted on by the international community and civilized countries of the world. It is now the responsibility of the UN and the international community to take the responsibility to prevent genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes in Southern Cameroons. Only a robust international intervention with stiff sanctions can force an entrenched dictatorial regime to end its impunity.

Women for Permanent Peace and Justice (WPPJ) recalls the following:

1. In the war of choice in Southern Cameroons perpetuated by the regime in Yaoundé, parties to a peace process must commit to addressing the root causes without pre-conditions.
2. There must be accountability through international mechanisms for atrocity crimes committed, and
3. The impunity of the Republic of Cameroon should not be allowed to repudiate the following positions that has been taken on the floor of the UN Security Council (UNSC) which are consistent with our stand. For example,
 - a. Ireland: *“We call for perpetrators of violations of international humanitarian law, and violations and abuses of human rights, to be held accountable” UNSC, 8 December 2022.*
 - b. Russia: *“The problem of Anglophone provinces dates to the colonial period. The solution to the longstanding disputes can only be found during negotiations. All sides in Cameroon need to act in a reserved manner and reject violence in all forms” UNSC, 8 December 2022.*
 - c. U.S.: *“We ... urge both the Government of Cameroon and separatist groups to enter into open-ended dialogue without pre-conditions, relinquishing their focus on a military solution” UNSC, 6 December 2019.*

We call on the above countries not to depart from statements aimed at seeking justice for all, but rather to take bold leadership steps to make it possible for permanent peace to once again reign in Southern Cameroons and in the Gulf of Guinea.

WPPJ once again calls on the UN – the civilized nations of the world and international organizations to endorse, adopt, and support these positions that permanently resolves the war in Southern Cameroons.

Once again, it is the civilian population, particularly women, young girls and boy, and children who suffer unnecessarily at the hands of warring factions in a senseless war. For this, WPPJ again states that sound solutions emanate from seeking out and addresses the roots of the conflict and adopting international mechanisms for full accountability for real and positive peace to be achieved.

