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HE Federica Mogherini
High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
European External Action Service
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Petition on the Abatement of Violence in Ambazonia (Southern Cameroons)

Your Excellency:

The Organization of Emerging African States OEAS is a United States 501(c)(3) public charity registered with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs NGO Branch and The European Commission Authentication System (ECAS) with members throughout Africa and European Union. OEAS member states are frontline African states seeking self-determination such as Azawad, Biafra, Cabinda and Southern Cameroons.

Ambazonia (Southern Cameroons) is represented at the OEAS by the Southern Cameroons Defense Force (SOCADEF) and the Southern Cameroons Youth League (SCYL) which is a charter member of the OEAS. Ambazonia consists of those portions of the former UN Trust Territory of British Southern Cameroons. The OEAS has been asked by leaders of Ambazonia to represent the external interests of Ambazonia in seeking your assistance in this dispute between two distinct peoples.

What happens in Ambazonia is of vital concern to the European Union. The dispute is not one of linguistics and culture but a conflict between the *de facto* independent state of Ambazonia and the Republic of Cameroun. An increasing brutal war is raging in Ambazonia with accusations of terrorism, torture and summary execution. Military tribunals have sentenced individuals to long prison terms. Reprisals and self-help defense are the norm. Every day a new violent incident occurs.

The OEAS is concerned by summary arrests of Ambazonian self-determination advocates, journalists and civil society members. There have been brutal reprisal raids and attacks by government forces on villages and towns. The Cameroun government through the use of military tribunals is sentencing individuals to long prison terms under the rubric of terrorism for simply speaking out.



The European Parliament has expressed concern about the current situation in Ambazonia. And there is good reason to believe the Republic of Cameroun government will listen to your office.

Before the situation escalates beyond control; the OEAS proposes the following interim measures:

1. Immediate release from jail of all Ambazonian self-determination activists with safe passage to a third country
2. All Camerounian military and forces to stand down and return to their barracks.
3. A suspension of military tribunals in by the Republic of Cameroun against Ambazonians

The above proposals to be implemented through a conference to take place as soon as possible between representatives of Ambazonia and Cameroun chaired by the European Union.

We respectfully request that the European Union as a directly interested party offer its good offices to help resolve the issue of violence in Ambazonia.

We petition the High Representative to use her considerable influence to prevent further tragedy in Ambazonia.

A resolution is only possible once violence has abated.

Respectfully Yours,

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