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**H.E. The Prime Minister, Head of Government,**

**President of the Major National Dialogue**

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Following the Head of State’s announcement convening a Major National Dialogue in view of the Anglophone crisis, the Political Bureau of The United Democratic Party – UDP, met in Bamenda on the 22nd of September 2019 and observed as follows:

- Considering the fact that the Anglophone Elite started **agitating** when a **Presidential Decree was signed in 1984 abolishing** the appellation of Cameroon’s name**, “United Republic of Cameroon”**, which was put in place by a REFERENDUM of 1972 and an act of Parliament in conformity with Cameroon’s **cultural diversity and heritage**; The Former Bar President, Barrister Fon GORJI DINKA, took the matter to Court and thereafter, launched the Ambazonia Republic.

- Considering the fact that **America and Great Britain** have never changed the name of their countries, which the founding fathers put in place in respect of their cultural heritage viz “**United States of America” (USA), “United Kingdom of Great Britain” (UK)** respectively,

- Considering the fact that the **Multiculturalism and Bilingualism Commission** along with the **National Disarmament Commission** NDDR and **the Anglophone Ministers in government**, have **failed to resolve and handle** the Anglophone crisis properly which has **escalated**, illustrated in the failed **“Back to School Campaign”** in 2017, 2018 and 2019,

- Considering an **arguable point** in the Head of State’s speech on the 10th September 2019 stating that Anglophones are not marginalized,

- Considering **another point** in the Head of State’s speech on the 10th September 2019, that the State does not have **enough posts** to satisfy all

the Regions, Divisions, Sub-Divisions, and villages, but yet, **Mezam Division alone** features with **four (4) members of government** while Boyo, Bui, Menchum and Meme Divisions with qualified, experienced, political, administrative and loyal sons and daughters have been crying in the rain,

- Considering the fact that **agitating sons and daughters** of the South West and North West Regions at home and abroad, have succeeded to awaken feelings of the Anglophone community on the Anglophone marginalization,

- Considering the **acknowledgment** by the Serving South West Governor during CRTV Radio and TV newscasts of 13th September, 2019 that things are bad with the **economy of the Region reduced to a low ebb**, indicative that things are no more under control,

- Considering the **manifest hypocrisy** by some Anglophone members of government, demonstrated where **one of them denied the existence of an Anglophone problem**. But when appointed the Minister of Territorial Administration, he quickly stated that the Anglophone problem has now been half-solved,

- Considering that **Cameroon and Canada share similar linguistic cultures,** but the **minority Francophones in Canada** are given political and administrative power to **inspire a sense of belonging with the blessings of the majority Anglophones,**

- Considering the fact that **since the inception of Multi Party Politics** in 1990, **no Anglophone Political Party Leader has been appointed into the government**, but over 20 Francophone Political Party Members have been appointed into the government,

- Considering **evidence of the marginalization of Anglophones** in key Cabinet positions **as in the Ministry of Defense** and where all the three (03) Members of Government, Minister Delegate, and Secretary of State in charge of Gendarmerie are all Francophones, **Ministry of Finance**, two (2) Francophone members of government, **Ministry of Water and Energy** with a Francophone Minister and another Francophone as the Director General of the Oil Refinery, SONARA and two other Francophones at the helm of the Cabinet portfolios in the **Ministry of Public Works and Ministry of Justice** in whichtwo (2) Ministers in charge of **two legal systems** are all Francophones.

- Mindful of the fact that the **extremists in the government derailed** the Head of State from his policies of **appeasement and negotiation, to embark on the policies of** **confrontation and aggressions** – to combat the Anglophone agitators, acts that have resorted to **killings and destruction of property,**

- Mindful of the fact that **the extremists in the government derailed** the Head of State from convening the **National** **dialogue much earlier,** knowing fully well that a stitch in time saves nine, for the Anglophone crisis is political and can only be **solved politically and not militarily**,

 In view of the above, The United Democratic Party, UDP, states as follows:

1. That **an article be enshrined in Cameroon’s Constitution** **for the protection of minority Anglophones** of the North West and South West Regions with **not less than 40% quota in appointments, recruitment and government projects.**
2. Put an end to the considering of the appointments of people of **Francophone extraction by parental heritage for Anglophones** in the government and Parastatals.
3. **Sanction** **Anglophone members of government linked to** **lies telling and hate language** **that has escalated the crisis and** **replace** them with upright political and administrative personalities who are people oriented.
4. Urge the Head of State to **sign a Decree for the** **discontinuation of cases** in Military Courts against the Anglophone agitators and MRC leaders and militants, for peace and harmony.
5. **Reverse the Presidential Decree of 1984** and respect the Referendum of 1972 and the Parliamentary Act that named Cameroon **“United Republic”**, in respect of cultural heritage and diversity.
6. Sign **a Decree** **granting amnesty** to Anglophone agitators during the crisis at home and abroad to foster national reconciliation.
7. Ensure that the **resolutions** **of the Major National Dialogue** are implemented sooner than later and before the convening of any elections in Cameroon.

**Signed for the UDP Political Bureau**

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**Commander, Knight of Valour**

**UDP National Chairman**