

URGENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEACE IN CAMEROON

Despite the efforts of the Cameroonian government to resolve the conflicts and insecurity that have been causing grief to families since 2014, we regret to note that many flaws persist. According to our analysis of these conflicts, we note among the flaws: the low involvement of all stakeholders, difficulties in dialogue, the difficult acceptance of facts, the violent rhetoric of conflict actors and some public figures, misinformation, the ego of the conflicting parties, the choice of inappropriate solutions, and a lack of solidarity among Cameroonians.

Recognizing the severity of the conflicts that continue to disturb Cameroon, particularly in three regions (North-West, South-West, and Far North), as well as the growing insecurity affecting thousands of people, some of whom are internally displaced;

Noting that the electoral year 2025 is marked by a very violent socio-political landscape characterized by an exacerbation of hatred and tribalism, including through the media and social networks ;

Emphasizing the need to include women and youth in conflict prevention and resolution initiatives in accordance with national and international standards, particularly UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and its National Action Plan (NAP);

We, **WILPF Cameroon** and **Cameroon for a World BEYOND War**, civil society organizations working for peace and experiencing non-violent approaches to conflict resolution, propose to the Head of Government of Cameroon to reconsider the urgency of calming the Cameroonian people and addressing the root causes of conflicts in a holistic manner.

HERE ARE FIVE URGENT RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE CONSIDER ESSENTIAL FOR PEACE IN OUR COUNTRY:

FOR THE PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS

1. Initiate the process of a new national, frank, and inclusive dialogue. Negotiate and obtain a ceasefire, and create a climate of trust conducive to a general calm, in which all factions and stakeholders in the conflicts can express themselves freely without fear of reprisals, take appeasement measures including general amnesty for prisoners of various socio-political crises.
2. Make the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 NAP a national priority. Issue an order establishing a national coordination committee, including relevant civil society actors, to ensure the localization of this plan in all municipalities of Cameroon.

FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE BEFORE THE OCTOBER 2025 ELECTIONS

3. Punish hate and tribal speech in the public space, including in the media and on social networks, in accordance with the law; condemn any action likely to tarnish the electoral process, whether it comes from political actors or government members.
4. In the interest of preserving peace and following the strong demand of multiple actors, urgently proceed with a consensual revision of the Electoral Code, which is so far a factor of conflict and political tensions and a cause of division among Cameroonians.

FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACEFUL COHESION BETWEEN COMMUNITIES

5. Adopt urgent measures to ensure the protection of internally displaced persons and healthy coexistence with host communities. It is imperative to establish a national humanitarian response, taking into account the needs of internally displaced persons and the requirements of host communities, including legal assistance, emergency food assistance, shelter construction, listening, and psychological support.

We remain available to support the government's efforts and contribute to negotiating peace in Cameroon with all relevant actors.

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