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To:

**The Cameroon Anglophone Civil Society Consortium (CACSC),
hereafter referred to as the Consortium,**

Following weeks of peaceful protests by the Civil Society in the South West and North West Regions of Cameroon;

Following failed Negotiation attempts between the Government of Cameroon and the Consortium;

Mindful of the Actions that have been taken up to this point by the Consortium;

Mindful of the heavy handed response by the Government of Cameroon;

Mindful of the abuse of Human Rights and extra judicial killings of peaceful Anglophone protesters that have occurred and have been attributed to the Government of Cameroon;

The Anglophone Action Group (AAG), a World-wide group of Cameroonians, hereafter referred to as AAG held a meeting today December 27th, 2016, and agreed as follows:

That we fully support the current actions of the Consortium in their Negotiations with the Government of Cameroon;

In order to improve the effectiveness of Negotiations of the Consortium with the Government of Cameroon, AAG recommends the following:

1. The Leadership of the Consortium should be well defined so that people speaking on behalf of the Consortium must be representative and have full confidence of the people they represent. AAG assumes that is currently the case.
2. There should be unity of vision on what is being negotiated for. The AAG is of the believe that current Negotiations are for a two-state Federation with a bi-cultural, bilingual and bijural structure
3. The Consortium must vet the character of its Negotiators. People with checkered records or dubious characters must not be allowed to negotiate on behalf of the Consortium.
4. Consortium Negotiators should engage in a “NO BLAME” or “GAIN” approach in which no one is seeking accolades for any success. When negotiations FAIL, no individual or group of individuals should be blamed. Success like failure belongs to the whole group. We rise together and we fail together.
5. During Negotiations experts should focus on their areas of expertise. Lawyers should handle legal matters; teachers should speak on teaching problems, and transporters for transportation issues and so on.
6. There should be a generosity of spirit amongst Negotiators from the Consortium with everyone willing to help the other. The question Negotiators should ask each other is thus "what can I do to help us succeed in the struggle?".
7. Negotiators should be open to all ideas from the Government, standing ready to give and take on all areas according to a hierarchy of priorities so long as the vision is maintained;
8. Don't be afraid to say "We need more time to think about this";

Know when to walk away from Negotiations. Any talk of temporary solutions that do not address the systemic and chronic injustice must not be accepted;

AAG is actively engaged in widespread education of the people of the South West and North West Regions, in particular, but also of the people of Cameroon and the World in general, to increase awareness of the stakes in these Negotiations;

AAG understands that the Government is employing tactics of oppression, divide and rule, corruption and frustration to try to drive the Consortium into submission;

AAG is currently examining avenues that will improve the success of these Negotiations with minimal impact on the quality of life of the people in these two regions;

Finally,

AAG calls for the unconditional release of all jailed protesters who were arrested for exercising their Constitutional and Human Right to free speech.

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