



Statement from SOCADEF Ambazonia

Further to the urgent appeal of United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres of 23 March, 2020 for a global ceasefire to allow for concerted worldwide action against the coming Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19 or Orthocoronavirinae), the Southern Cameroons Defence Force (SOCADEF), the oldest existing self-defence force for the People and Territory of Ambazonia declares its support.

Due to institutionalized corruption within the Government of La République du Cameroun, willful under-development of occupied Ambazonia, an earth-scotched policy against the People of Ambazonia and their Homeland, a policy which has created hundreds of thousands of refugees, millions of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and millions in compulsory exile, the people of Ambazonia are ill-prepared to face a major pandemic.

The Revolutionary High Command Council (REHCOCO), after consultation with the Ground Zero Command, have therefore ordered all combat units of SOCADEF and its affiliates operating within nine of the thirteen counties of Ambazonia to stand down but to maintain positions with combat readiness to defend for a period of 14 days, beginning at 00 hours on Sunday, the 29 of March, 2020 to Sunday, the 12 of April, 2020 in order to permit international humanitarian preparation for COVID-19 prevention.

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SOCADEF is ready to support International monitoring of the ceasefire upon recognition of the Ambazonian conflict as Non International Armed Conflict (NAIC) under International Humanitarian Law, and will guarantee all security and free movement for international monitors, and for international humanitarian actors. SOCADEFIANS and the leadership of the African People's Liberation Movement (APLM) call upon the authorities and security forces of La République du Cameroun to likewise heed the call of the United Nations Secretary General. We stand ready to meet with designated representatives of La République du Cameroun to ensure smooth implementation of the ceasefire in Ambazonia.

Done in Accra, Ghana this Wednesday, the 25th Day of March, 2020

cc

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