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RESOLUTION

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN
AND ON THE TIRTHY FIRST DAY OF AUGUST

THE BAR COUNCIL HAVING EXAMINED ISSUES RELATING TO THE DIFFICULTIES
ENDURED BY LAWYERS IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR PROFESSION NOTES AS FOLLOWS

THAT LAWYERS HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO THEIR CLIENTS
AND PERSONS IN THE VARIOUS CENTRES OF DETENTION (SECRETARIAT OF STATE
FOR DEFENCE, PRISONS, POLICE STATIONS AND GENDARMERIE BRIGADES)

THAT THE RIGHTS OF ACCUSED PERSONS PROTECTED BY NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS RATIFIED BY CAMEROON ARE CONSTANTLY AND
CONSISTENTLY BEING VIOLATED BY JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES AS FOLLOWS:-

- TRIAL IN A LANGUAGE NOT UNDERSTOOD BY LITIGANTS;
- ACCUSED PERSONS IN VIOLATION OF THEIR DIGNITY ARE BROUGHT NAKED
BEFORE TRIAL COURTS ;
- THE EXTRACTION OF CONFESSIONAL STATEMENTS FROM ACCUSED PERSONS
THROUGH THE USE OF TORTURE AND INDUCEMENTS ;
- ILLEGALLY PROLONGED DETENTION OF ACCUSED PERSONS ;
- TRANSFORMATION OF JUDICIAL DETENTION INTO ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION;
- FREQUENT REFUSAL BY STATE PROSECUTORS TO RELEASE PERSONS WHEN
THEY ARE EITHER GRANTED BAIL OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED BY A COURT OF
LAW ;
- RECURRENT REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE SERVICE OF APPLICATIONS MADE
BY LAWYERS TO JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES AND REFUSAL TO RESPOND TO SOME
APPLICATIONS FROM LAWYERS ;
- THE EXORBITANT COSTS OF LOCUS FEES AND OTHER COURT CHARGES;
- THE RETENTION AND REFUSAL TO ASSIGN CASE FILES BY CERTAIN HEADS OF
COURTS.

NOTE WITH DISMAY THAT, IN SPITE OF PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS MADE, LAWYERS
ARE CONTINUOUSLY BEING THREATENED, ARRESTED, DETAINED IN THE COURSE OF
EXERCISE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS.

NOTE REGRETTABLY THE RECURRENT, BARBARIC VIOLENCE METED OUT ON LAWYERS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES OF LAW AND ORDER.

THE BAR COUNCIL THEREFORE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

THAT THE BAR COUNCIL CONDEMNS IN THE STRONGEST TERMS ALL THESE VIOLATIONS.

CONSEQUENTLY:

1. THE BAR COUNCIL IN PROTEST, CALLS ON ALL LAWYERS TO OBSERVE A 5 DAY NATIONWIDE SIT – IN STRIKE BEGINNING AS FROM THE 16TH TO THE 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019;
2. THE BAR COUNCIL SHALL EVALUATE THE SITUATION AND TAKE ANY FURTHER STEPS AS IT SHALL HEREINAFTER DEEM NECESSARY ;
3. THE BAR COUNCIL HEREBY CALLS ON ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CAMEROON BAR ASSOCIATION TO ENSURE THE STRICT COMPLIANCE OF LAWYERS WITH THIS RESOLUTION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS

SIGNED :

- 01 TCHAKOUTE PATIE CHARLES (BÂTONNIER)
- 02 ATANGANA BIKOUNA CLAIRE
- 03 TAM BATEKY SUZANNE EVELYNE
- 04 MBUYAH GLADYS FRI ÉPSE LUKU
- 05 NZOH DIVINE MBOKEH
- 06 ENOW AGBOR BENJAMIN
- 07 FOJOU PIERRE ROBERT
- 08 DEUGOUE RAPHAËL
- 09 MOHAMADOU SOULEYMANOU
- 10 MBAH ERIC MBAH
- 11 SOUOP SYLVAIN
- 12 NGOS DANIEL BLAISE
- 13 AKUM MICHAEL NCHE

