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**PROJET DE DECLARATION DU CAMEROUN**

**DEBAT GENERAL SUR LE THÈME :**

**« EVALUATION DE L'ETAT DE MISE EN ŒUVRE DU PROGRAMME D'ACTION DE LA CONFERENCE INTERNATIONALE SUR LA POPULATION ET LE DEVELOPPEMENT ET DE SA CONTRIBUTION AU SUIVI ET A L'EXAMEN DE L'AGENDA 2030 POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT DURABLE AU COURS DE LA DECENNIE D'ACTION ET DE REALISATION POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT DURABLE »**

**MONSIEUR PAUL TASONG NJUKANG, MINISTRE DÉLÉGUÉ AUPRÈS DU MINISTRE DE L'ÉCONOMIE, EN CHARGE DE LA PLANIFICATION ET DE L'AMÉNAGEMENT DU TERRITOIRE**

**New York, du 29 avril au 03 mai 2024**

Madame Chair,

Honorable Ministers, Excellencies, Dear colleagues

Ladies and gentlemen.

I bring you warm greetings from the people of Cameroon.

Madame Chair, please permit me to extend our sincere congratulations to you for your election to preside the 57th Session of the CPD.

This Session of the CPD is very timely to measure progress, identify major challenges and redesign perspectives regarding the future implementation of the ICPD.

In this regard, in July 2023, Cameroon carried out an evaluation of the implementation of the ICPD. Remarkable successes were revealed, particularly in the areas of Dignity and equality, Health, Education and vocational training.

Regarding **dignity and equality**, on the overall, gender parity has improved and remarkably so at the institutional level. Cameroon adopted a National Gender Policy in 2014. The fight against Gender Based Violence and the elimination of Female Genital Mutilation has been reinforced. The drafting of a new Family Code is in progress. International and regional instruments promoting women's rights have been ratified.

Concerning **health care**, significant progress has been recorded in reducing maternal and infant mortality. The training and deployment of qualified human resources has contributed to substantially improve mother and child care, particularly in the field of emergency obstetric and neonatal domains throughout the national territory. The political will at the highest level is manifested by the entry into force of a Universal Health Coverage scheme.

Cameroon attaches particular interest in improving **governance and the management of data and statistics**, with three bodies in charge of collecting, processing and analyzing population data. We are currently preparing the 4th General Population and Housing Census.

In the area of **education and training**, the Government has a vision of promoting an educational system which ensures that every young graduate is sociologically integrated, multilingual, and competent in any key area of the economy. The strategic objectives pursued consist of:

- guaranteeing access to primary education for all children of school going age;
- achieving a 100% completion rate at primary level;
- reducing regional disparities in terms of school infrastructure and teaching staff;
- and significantly increasing the share of professional and technical training at the higher level.

Girl-boy parity has been achieved at the primary level and has significantly increased at the secondary level. Primary education is compulsory and free since 2000. Investments in education have witnessed a major increase. Incentives for vulnerable people such as migrants, internally displaced persons, refugees, indigenous populations and the disabled are available with a view to LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND.

The Government has also set up a range of professional training centers throughout the national territory targeting youths and women. Thousands of youth organizations have been empowered to enable their full participation in decision-making spheres both at the national and international levels, notably through the Cameroon National Youth Council.

Madame Chair, these is just a quintessential summary of the results attained.

Cameroon intends to maintain this momentum and to address the ongoing challenges, which are notably:

- socio-cultural.
- institutional representation of women and youths.
- impact of climate change.
- socioeconomic crises.
- financing shortfalls,
- security crisis

- data collection and management.

Madame Chair,

Cameroon expresses the hope that the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Cairo Conference will be an opportunity to address with determination the concern of inequalities between :

- countries,
- the rich and poor,
- men and women,
- and more recently the digital divide.

My delegation pleads, that these phenomena, which remain morally unacceptable, should constitute the top priorities of our international cooperation policy for the implementation of the Cairo Program of Action to the benefit of our collective humanity.

Indeed, Madam Chair, only a tiny fraction of humanity enjoys the major benefits of the unprecedented levels of economic and technological advancement.

As far as Cameroon is concerned, this is the commitment **President Paul BIYA** articulated within the framework of our 2035 long term Vision, which reconciles the **social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development**.

Merci pour votre bien aimable attention. /-