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**Declaration by Members of Parliament from Europe  
10 December 2020, the International Day of Human Rights  
FOR A PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC CAMEROON**

We, parliamentarians from various countries, are deeply concerned about the continuing violent actions of the Cameroonian government against peaceful demonstrators and political opposition in Cameroon.

On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, we remind the Cameroonian government of the promise that the Cameroonian constitution makes to all citizens:

*"Le Peuple camerounais,*

*Proclame que l'être humain, sans distinction de race, de religion, de sexe, de croyance,  
possède des droits inaliénables et sacrés*

*Affirmation of its attachment to fundamental freedoms; inscrites of the Déclaration Uni-  
verselle des droits de l'homme, la charte des Nations Unies, la Charte africaine des  
droits de l'homme, et des peuples et de toutes les conventions internationales y  
relatives et dûment ratifiées..."*

This strong commitment to human rights as the foundation of Cameroonian democracy awaits its realization.

"Disappearances", arbitrary arrests and mistreatment of citizens by state security forces must end. Any kind of degrading treatment contradicts the human rights norms to which the State of Cameroon refers.

We call on the Cameroonian government to release all political prisoners, to immediately lift the house arrest of all opposition politicians in the country and to enter into a broad national dialogue on political and social reforms that will realize the human rights of the Cameroonian people and restore their freedom.

At the same time, we appeal to all those in positions of responsibility to work towards a peaceful solution to the conflict that is shaking the anglophone regions of the country. All parties to the conflict must keep their weapons silent and clear the way for negotiations. Peace is the only way to realize inalienable rights and freedoms for all people in Cameroon.

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