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**SOME RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CAMEROON HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION (CHRC) FOLLOWING ELECTION OBSERVATION IN CAMEROON**

RECIPIENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS
THE GOVERNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - involve the CHRC in all phases of the electoral process (redesign or revision of the electoral lists, voter registration commissions, establishment and distribution of voter cards, polling stations, etc.), in order to enable the country's national human rights institution to fulfil its human rights (right to political participation) "observation" mandate, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 2 of Law No. 2019/014 of 19 July 2019 relating to its establishment, organization and functioning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adopt the single ballot model to facilitate voting operations to avoid cases of missing ballots
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on election day, allow the opening of sale points of essential products such as petrol stations, bakeries and other places where ready-to-eat foodstuff is sold
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adopt a media code for elections
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide political parties with financial resources within a reasonable time for use in electoral campaign and to allow for optimal involvement in the elections - revise the Electoral Code by setting <i>quotas for gender and for the sociological composition of electoral districts in all regions of the country</i>, in order to secure and ensure the representativeness of indigenous and minority populations in all these constituencies

Créée par la loi n° 2019/014 du 19 juillet 2019, la CDHC est une institution indépendante de consultation, d'observation, d'évaluation, de dialogue, de conciliation et de concertation en matière de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme. La Commission fait également office de Mécanisme National de Prévention de la torture du Cameroun

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - revise the Electoral Code, in particular the provision relating to the closing times of the poll, specifically with regard to senatorial elections and elections of the Regional Councils which have restricted electoral colleges - ensure that the procedures for issuing the national identity card are innovated, in order to allow a faster production of identity cards, which are a necessary document for registration for participation in elections - effectively fight corruption at all stages of the electoral process - improve the electoral system by setting up biometric voting throughout the country - make known at regional and local levels, the distribution of media slots for political parties during electoral campaigns and officially inform the political parties concerned - oblige political parties to respect the results of the election after the end of the electoral dispute - oblige all political parties to respect Cameroon's sovereignty by avoiding organizing post-election protests abroad
ELECAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - involve the Commission in all phases of the electoral process (redesign or revision of electoral lists, voter registration commissions, establishment and distribution of voter cards, polling stations, etc.) - raise awareness of voters on the harmful effects of corruption in electoral matters - ensure women's participation in electoral processes by rejecting lists of political parties that do not respect a reasonable representation of women or that do not respect any possible quota in this regard - elaborate posters on the voting procedure and place them in front of each polling station - take charge, as a measure of fairness, of the transport and catering of all scrutineers, including those designated by political parties and who are present on election day - enlarge the size of the polling booths to facilitate access and allow voters to vote properly - further consider disability in the material organization of elections (Braille ballot papers, improve the accessibility of polling stations, including for people with physical disability) or provide specially equipped polling stations for them - multiply audio-visual awareness raising and information campaigns for voters on the conduct of the vote
POLITICAL PARTIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide electoral civic training to their representatives to enable them play their role fully and effectively in polling stations and especially after the election - avoid calling for hatred and avoid outrageous remarks and any form of radicalization



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - commit to accept election results after the electoral contention at the end of all the elections - continue to sensitize, train and educate their militants on republican civic and moral values and the provisions of the Electoral Code, in order to combat the buying of consciences, which constitutes an act of corruption - be represented in all polling stations and strengthen the capacities of their representatives for more relevant interaction with other actors - avoid interfering in the security of electoral operations, by calling on the defense and security forces when necessary - take sufficient account of the different sociological components of electoral districts and gender in the constitution of electoral lists - commit to avoid holding demonstrations to challenge election results both at home and abroad
VOTERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - avoid spreading hate speech, including through social media networks - seek to obtain information about elections from ELECAM offices or through sensitization messages given out by stakeholders - abstain from creating or bringing about public disorder in polling stations during identification, voting, counting of ballots and publication of results - avoid engaging in electoral corruption - respect measures to maintain public order issued by the administrative authorities during the electoral process



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