Cameroon and European Union cooperation

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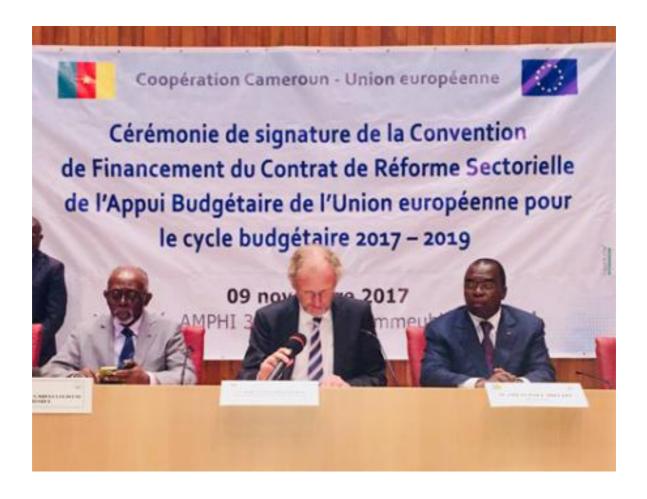**Twitter:** @ALRDH2

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Brief summary of financial cooperation

Between 2008 and 2020, the European Union has financed various cooperation projects with Cameroon for more than 540 million euros. These projects included, among others, gender equality, human rights and state governance.

It is as Cameroon's development partner and human rights sponsor in Cameroon that the European Parliament is concerned by the issues of poor governance in Cameroon, human rights violations and insecurity problems.

On 18 April 2019, the members of the European Parliament debated and made a set of recommendations addressed to the Cameroonian government in order to appease the very tense political and social climate as well as the search for durable solutions for electoral issues and the crisis in the Anglophone regions in Cameroon.

After a strong reaction from the Cameroonian government calling for the "non-interference" of the European Union, the Cameroonian government has not taken any steps to improve its governance even though it receives aid funds to improve it governance from the European Union.

Cameroon in fier points

- **48%** of the population live below the poverty threshold of $2 per day

- **80%** of the Cameroon Population does not have pipe/potable water

- Nearly **80%** of employment is vulnerable

- Nearly **90 %** of State own companies ruined or under subvention

- **80 childreen per 1000** birth will never reach their fifth birthday – over

- Cameroon ranks **153rd of least corrupted** countries over 180. 8 places drop

- Regarding the **Respect of Human Rights**, Cameroon ranks 18 on 18 of least corrupted in Sub Sahara and 28 on 30 in less developed countries and finally, 109 on 113

- Since 2016, the two Anglophone regions of Cameroon are living **civil war**

- **Post-election crisis after the presidential elections of October 7, 2018**. Maurice Kamto ranked 2nd continues to claim his victory. He is arrested and imprisoned after a peaceful demonstration on January 26, 2019

The European Parliament resolution from April 18th 2019 in fiew points

The Anglophone Crisis in the North West and South West regions of Cameroon has a toll of more than 1850 deaths and 530 000 displaced including 30 000 refugees in Nigeria when the European Parliament as a partner of Cameroon meets to discuss and propose crisis exit solutions. Among others, the European Parliament:

- urges the Cameroonian government to hold its security forces account and respect international human rights law in the fight against Boko Haram, the crisis in theAnglophone regions and the supervision of peaceful public demonstrations

- calls for the immediate release of Maurice Kamto and all other people detained on political charges, arrested before and after the 2018 presidential election

- also calls on the Cameroonian government to put an end to the harassment and intimidation of political activists, including by lifting the ban on peaceful political rallies and demonstrations, and to take strong measures against hate speech

- Recalls that military courts should have no jurisdiction to judge civilians

- Calls on the Cameroonian government to organize a political inclusive dialogue open to all trends, with a view to find a peaceful and lasting solution to the crisis in the Anglophone regions

- Calls on the Cameroonian government to convene all political actors to carry out a consensual review of the electoral system, in order to make it a free, transparent and credible process; calls for this revision to be carried out before any new election, in order to promote peace and avoid post-election crises

- expresses its concern over the ban on the activities of the Cameroonian Anglophone civil society group in Cameroon; urges the government to lift this ban and open an area of free expression for civil society