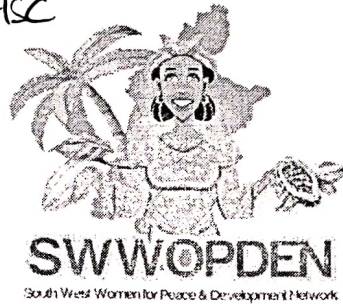


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To: The President of the Republic
Through: The Honourable Minister, Women's Empowerment and the Family,
Through: The Regional Delegate, Women's Empowerment and the Family, SWR
Through: The Divisional Delegate, Women's Empowerment and the Family, Meme

We, women peace builders from all over Cameroon learned with great consternation, then sorrow, of the massacre of 6 school children on the spot, at the "Mother Francisca" International Bilingual Academy in Kumba, in the South West, on Saturday, October 24, 2020. A 7th student died the following day, October 25th. So far 13 children are gravely wounded and in hospital. Unknown gunmen invaded the school and shot the children in their classroom.

This barbaric act committed against innocent children in school is despicable. It is in violation of International Humanitarian Law which, among others, provides for the protection of innocent civilians in violent conflict situations.

We, "Mothers of Cameroon", with regards to this ongoing senseless, unjustified violent conflict, hereby declares the following:

- Our outrage at this blatant perpetration of these atrocious crimes - crimes against humanity - by both sides in this senseless, unwarranted, unjustified, and protracted violent conflict of the so-called "Anglophone crisis";
- We extend our deep condolences to the families of the deceased, and wish all those injured speedy recoveries;
- We condemn these atrocities in the strongest possible terms;
- We demand the immediate cessation of hostilities, an immediate commitment by all parties to unconditional negotiations to resolve differences, and justice - appropriate medical rehabilitation for all victims, especially children and vulnerable adults, and compensation for material and non-material damage - for all victims.

We also demand that children and vulnerable adults who cannot defend themselves should not be involved in any way either as victims or combatants in this violent conflict. We cannot, and will no longer stay silent.

We respectfully call on the government to address the following immediately:

- Make every effort to protect schools and students;
- Declare an unconditional cessation of hostilities;
- Set up immediately a nationally representative independent body of inquiry with the mandate to find a lasting resolution to the crisis.

We call on the warring parties to: -

- Declare an immediate and unconditional cessation of hostilities;
- Commit unconditionally to negotiations to resolve differences.

We call on Cameroon's International partners to show strong support for all efforts towards the immediate realization of peace in this crisis.

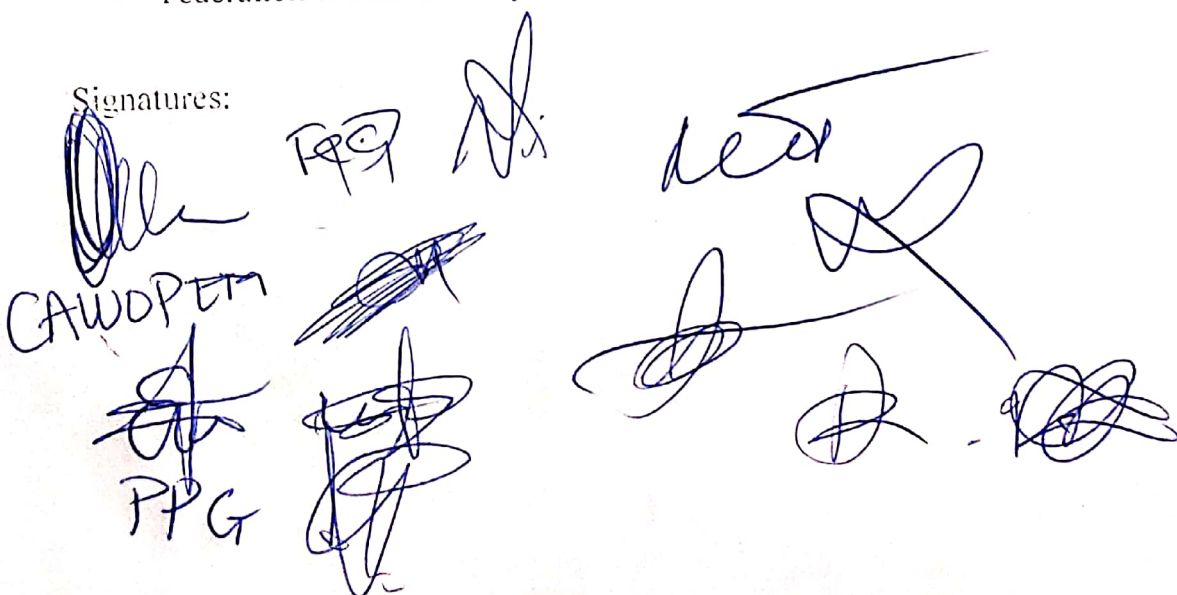
Below is the list of all Women Peacebuilders Network Committed to this Course.

CC;

The Governor SWR
The SDO Meme Division

- Voices of the Community Women
- Southwest Women for Peace and Development Network (SWWOPDEN)
- Women International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
- Cameroon Women Peace Movement (CAWOPEM)
- Hofna Hope for the Needy Association (HOFNAO)
- Women Peacebuilders Network (WOPEN)
- Southwest Northwest Women Task Force (SWSNOT)
- Young African Women Congress, Cameroon
- Bringing Hearts Together (BHeT)
- Women For National Dialogue
- Cameroon Women Platform for Peaceful Election and Peace Education
- Women Peace Initiative
- Women's Advocacy and Communication Network
- Women for the Promotion of Moral Leadership
- Positive Peace Group
- Federation of Female Lawyers (FIDA)

Signatures:



Handwritten signatures in blue ink, including the text 'CAWOPEM' and 'PPG'.