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MOUVEMENT POUR LA RENAISSANCE DU CAMEROUN (M.R.C.)

29th SEPT APPEAL AT THE FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE RENAISSANCE OF CAMEROON (CRM)

**SPEECH OF THE NEW NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
PROFESSEUR MAURICE KAMTO**

A VISION FOR CAMEROON

Dear comrades, my dear friends, ladies and gentlemen delegates at the inaugural Convention of the Movement for the Renaissance of Cameroon, ladies and gentlemen representatives of the diplomatic missions, ladies and gentlemen representatives of political parties, dear militants and sympathizers of the CRM, dear guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is with a deep feeling of humility and gratitude that I take the floor in this exceptional circumstance. Feelings first of all of gratitude because while putting me at the helm of our movement, you express the extent of the regard and the confidence that you express to me, I thank you well highly. Feeling of humility then, because I perceive the considerable weight of the load, the extent of the sacrifice which comes with it and the extent of the hope and expectations, which the launching of our Movement already raises within the Cameroonian people. We do not have the right to disappoint these expectations. Many are still skeptical. They wait. They observe. It is up to us to convince them of our deep convictions and our spirit of sacrifice. It is with us to give them good reasons to invest themselves again in the citizenry political commitment to transform our country together. They have seen enough since the return of the multi-party system in our country about twenty years ago. They want to see something else, a different way to do politic.

With you all here present, militants of the first hour who make the base of our Movement, to those many who are in doubt, we say that in this memorable day of the September 29th and 30th, 2012, a dynamics is at work, a hope is born, it has a name: the Movement for the Renaissance of Cameroon (CRM).

Some would have liked that we have for only program the personal attacks, and like single strategy a short cut of violent conquest of the power of State.

They predicted it. They protest it loudly. But we will not change a course. We will carry on our way, in the respect of the ones and others. We will obstinately carry out the research of the unity of our people and the recovery of our nation. Nobody - I tell you, nobody will prevent me from saying the faith which I have in our people, and my burning desire to put myself at its service. They lampoon us with the ink of their arrogance; they scorn us from the top of their sufficiency. They are wrong. The Cameroonian people do not belong to anybody; it is free and major, it is sovereign. It will be able to be expressed itself when come the time.

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The dynamics which engages today puts moving women and men thoughtful, organized, and patriotic in the heart and republicans by conviction.

Those which in our ranks who are in a hurry will have to take their dignified suffering. The CRM registers its action in the republican expiries. We know all these expiries, even if we are unaware of their exact calendar. But we must stay ready, because no expiry must surprise us. We must be ready to answer the call of the duty. We must stay ready to take over the control of the affairs of our very dear and beautiful country.

Many are those who asking themselves what new the CRM brings in the already overcrowded political arena of our country.

The Movement for the Renaissance of Cameroon brings a different conception for the construction of a political party and its action within our society.

The CRM is initially a force of gathering and not of fractionation and division. It was born from the matured and freely consented decision of several well established political parties, independent personalities and known actors of the national civil society and the diaspora to build a together a solid political, of scale national, able to offer to the country a credible alternative. It is this party, opened to all Cameronian without discrimination of any kind, which starts off started today.

The CRM is then a rainbow party, which wants to be the reflection of the gleaming diversity of our country. The diversity of its socio-cultural communities, the diversity of its double historical heritage which gave him a unique profile which makes its so particular identity, Francophone and Anglophone, the diversity of its presence in the world which also passes through a numerous, patriotic and industrial diaspora.

The CRM is, finally, a party of modernity which wants to thoroughly renew the public governance. It wants to connect Cameroon to the globalized world in order to anticipate the wave which will sweep the latecomers countries, it wants to make Cameronian woman play the plenitude of her role of citizen, worthy of her talents which are so numerous by opening to her the access to all the levels of responsibility in the party and tomorrow within the State, it wants to put youth in the middle of its action, at the same time as actor and recipient of the attentions of every moment. In this spirit we will work with the promotion of the parity man/woman in our party; the objective being to have as soon as possible a maximum of candidatures of women of the CRM for the elective functions. In the same spirit, young people, like women, will take part to all the leading structures of the party and will not be confined in parallel additional organizations. It is thus due only to the ones and the others to take their entire place within our party.

Our Movement will build its action to come, around five pillars

The first pillar is the Republican pact. Communities exist in our country. They should be respected. But our mother of all of us is the Republic. It is necessary to protect it and defend it

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in its fundamental values of freedom, equality, citizenship, social justice and solidarity. A citizen is a free man and not a being chained with a group whichever it is. In the relations between citizens, we want to work to build confidence on three levels:

- confidence between the citizen and the institutions on the basis of contract of republican citizenship;
- confidence between the leading elite and the populations, as well as it is crucial that those recognize themselves in the decisions and the actions of the leaders;
- confidence finally between our country and partners with the development owing to the introduction of an exemplary governance.

This Republican pact must create between the Cameroonians a new fraternity founded on a community of ideas and values and not on a blood tie or the blind attachment with an ethnos group. That is called the republican fraternity. That which makes it possible to achieve an alleviated live together, based on the mutual respect.

The Republican pact will be built on the base of a reconciled country. That is why we will not save any effort to find with all the components of the nation, in particular with the Anglophone community the appropriate responses to their expectations.

This Republican pact is a pact for the peace so dear to our people. But it cannot be a question of a proclaimed peace, imposed by violence and in the injustice. Our conception of peace rests on the objective observation and our deep conviction that any true and lasting peace has its base in the heart of the men and the women and is carried out only by justice.

The second pillar is the educational pact and of youth. The CRM must make education a national priority. Democracy as development are built with citizens, well educated and well trained, enlightened and mobilized. There is no democracy without democrats and the democracy is better only when the people do not let themselves misuse by words; when it exerts its sovereign power in an enlightened way. The development succeeds only with trained women and men to the best of the science and technology, creative and carried to the permanent innovation. The scientific and technical training is the key of our access to the rank of modern and prosperous the nations, able to transform into wealth, the sources of the collective good being, our extraordinary natural resources, but also to create new wealth starting from the only resources of the intelligence. The CRM intends to propose to the country, when time comes, an alternative plan for an education centered on the control of science and technology as of the cycle of the basic education and directed towards measurable results. Secondary education and higher education in particular will not be any more of the sectors only consuming the nation resources; they will become driving sectors of the production of the wealth of the intelligence and industrial development.

The question of education is a dimension of the pact of the youth. This youth pact is a challenge at the present and a bet on the future. Challenge at the present because it is a question of seeking as of now the most effective solutions to the problem of the mass endemic and intolerable unemployment of the young people; to give answers to the problem of the

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unacceptable rate of loss of the young people left coming out of our schools and universities and who finish for the majority of them as unemployed disguised by exerting precarious employment without relationship to their formation, after so many years of sacrifices from themselves, their families and the Nation. It is as many lost talents and of energy for the development of the country. Without waiting to be in capacity to govern, the CRM wants to work with these young people, in the quarters of our cities, the villages, everywhere where they fight to be formed and survive, in order to find together with them, the imaginative and innovating answers which make it possible to preserve their dignity. A first track could be the creation of a National service of Solidarity for the Development of Cameroon (SENASODEC). It would be a framework of mixing and expression of multiform solidarity between the regions of the country and the generations and the various sections of populations. It would also be about a transitory framework of realignment or readjustment of the initial training of the graduates according to the market employment needs. It will be able to, in addition constitute the framework of reception of certain initiatives of the young people from here as of those in the diaspora who act for the moment in an isolated way to bring their solidarity to our compatriots in particular those of the rural areas, in particular in the form of specialized health care.

The third pillar is the productive pact. It rests on the one hand, on a State at the same time strategist and inventive who releases creative energies of our populations and on the other hand, on our determination to put back Cameroon to work while operating in particular the levers of creation and competitiveness of the companies. It is also built on solidarity and the sharing. But there is no sharing if there is nothing to share. Cameroon must produce more and better in all the sectors. That passes by a policy of the clearly identified and organized sectors; by the competitive incentives with the national and foreign investment; the innovation and the acquisition of technologies which our industrial sectors need. This passes by a strategy of alliance with strategic partners able to open to us the access at the same time to technologies and the worldwide markets. We have, in this respect, in front of us the instructive experiments of various emerging countries. But to succeed there, it is necessary to trust the nationals within the framework of a true strategic alliance between the State and the private sector. It is also necessary to articulate sectors of production and sectors of research and innovation. Any research program will have to be a link of a chain having to lead within a time known to a transformable concrete result in product usable and/or marketable.

The fourth pillar is the patriotic and strategic pact with the diaspora. No one does have the right to doubt the patriotism of the many Cameroonians who, for various reasons, live abroad. Some were constrained there. In all cases their possible severity on the conduct of the business of our country is worthy of the love that they carry to him and of their desire to contribute in a more important way and with the legitimate recognition to the development and the radiation of this country which remains to them expensive. The CRM intends to build with the national diaspora a strategic alliance for the development. Their exposure to state-of-the-art technologies and hard international competition put them in capacity to be at the same time vectors of the technological modernization whose country has great need thus that a window for emergent Cameroon.

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The diaspora will have to as well take its entire place in the political arena as in the economic and social fields where it is already active. The CRM will work closely with it to release the most efficient means for the realization of this pact.

The fifth pillar is the pact of solidarity. Solidarity between Regions, in particular in the event of food crisis, medical or natural disaster. Solidarity between the categories of our most vulnerable populations: elderly people, people living with a handicap, abandoned children, woman alones or abandoned raising alone their children. Solidarity with poorest not being able to provide for their needs and even less for those of their family, nor to reach the primary health care. It will be necessary, in this respect, to work with the setting-up in our country of a universal cover for the basic health care, to think of the public assumption of responsibility for some vital medical gestures such as the Caesarean, etc.

These 5 pillars are naturally integrated in the comprehensive view of our party for the Cameroonian society and which is the object of the nation building project adopted by the present Convention.

Cameroon needs men and women of conviction, with the fabric of the conquerors, bearing in them the flame of the builders and able to make the difference in their life and that of the others.

Do you have this conviction?

Do you have this fabric?

Do you have this flame?

Then we are ready to climb the mountain which is drawn up in front of us. Whereas engages a powerful dynamics for the change, some still find all kinds of excuses not to engage. But the appeal which is launched to us today challenges all the Cameroonians, beyond their personal situation.

This is why I need your commitment, your availability, and your determination. I need you so that we carry the new message of hope to all our people while establishing the CRM in each Region, each administrative Division, each administrative Sub-Division, each city, each village and each quarter of our cities. I need you to say and convince those who still hesitate that we want to, together help Cameroon stand up again while investing in our youth more than no government of this country ever did it before.

I need you to tell your neighbor of the quarter, to your colleagues at work, those who have the chance to have one (job), to our parents, friends, brothers and sisters in the most moved remote corners of our country, that we know how to create wealth, how to change the life of each Cameroonian; we know how to make this country a land of hope; we know how to transform Cameroon into an economic Lion of Africa and to recover the lost pride and the radiation of our very dear country.

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It is neither demagogy, nor vain remarks. The policies of the development for a country which has the assets of that of Cameroon are not any more one mystery. If others do not know that, they should not condemn our country to ignorance and the backwardness. We will work without respite so that each one has a chance to change its life and that no one is left on the side walk.

It is not a question about me. It is not for me that I am standing in front of you today. It is about us that I am talking. Women and men of this country, regardless of where they come from and where they live. It is of each Cameroonian taken individually. Yes I need you, for the electoral deadlines which come, and so that tomorrow the young people, the women and the men of the CRM are in capacity to govern this country.

The CRM will fully assume the role that history will assign to him. But do not forget, my dear friends that history is written by men. The history of our party will be written by you and nobody else. Thanks to you, the CRM will write itself a glorious history by being a party of terrain, near to the Cameroonian people, with the listening of our populations in order to prepare the adequate answers to the multiple problems with which they are confronted.

Do not be afraid, because we fight for a good cause, that of a better future for our country, of a better future for our people, of a better future for all women and all men who live in Cameroon. Do not be afraid, because we do not go in war, but to the political fight, a noble fight, which will be carried out with conviction and determination, but in the so dear peace to our people and to the CRM. Do not be afraid, you leaders of our country, administrative authorities, security forces and law enforcer, civil servant servants of the administrations, the change will not be done against you, but with you, for you and especially for your children: they will be able to have better health care, receive a better education and to look at the future with confidence. Do not be afraid, say I, because we make the policy without hatred, nor with the desire of revenge, in the respect of the institutions of the Republic and the leaders of our country.

The rebuilding of the Cameroonian opposition is on the move. I would like to pay homage to the whole of the forces of the opposition of this country which tried since 1990, to maintain lit the flame of the fight for democracy and the advent of the change in our country. I would like to address a moved homage to the many freedom fighters, young and less young who, believing that it was no longer necessary to go to the "MAQUI" to express their opinions, stood up and were coldly killed. They mingled with that of the eternal heroes of the pass fights for our people, their scarlet and swampy color blood typical to the swampy color of our nation Capital. It is thanks to the faith and upon the stainless engagement of the ones and others that this country exists and that we are upright today.

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The CRM extends the hand to all forces of progress, attached to justice and the republican fraternity, with all those which are inhabited by the unconditional love of this country, all those who are attached to the renaissance of Cameroon. I know that they are numerous, including in the ranks of the dominant party. We open large the arms so that tomorrow we engage together the rebuilding of our dear and beautiful country to them.

A patriotic movement has arisen. People in one are on the move. Nothing any more will stop it, until occur the change for which such an amount of suffering was consented and of blood poured.

Long live the Movement for the Renaissance of Cameroon

Long live the Republic.

Long live Cameroon.

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