

# **CONSTITUTION OF CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONSTRUCTION (C.P.R.S.R).**

## **PREAMBLE**

- Mindful of the Constitution of the Republic of Cameroon;
- Mindful of Law N° 90/056 of 19th December 1990 relating to the functioning of Political Parties in Cameroon;
- Considering the efforts of the government of Cameroon in promoting National Unity for all Cameroonians.
- Conscious of the role played by Political Parties in of our beloved Fatherland,
- Considering that the very long reign of a single political regime in Cameroon since independence has resulted in widespread government corruption, poverty, the gross erosion of fundamental human rights and the rule of law;
- Conscious of the need for a POSITIVE CHANGE in Cameroon,
- Considering the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights as well as other duly ratified international conventions relating thereto,
- Conscious of the need to raise the Nation to the highest level of moral and intellectual dignity, determined to evolve the means of reconciling and uniting our various people and rekindling the spirit of patriotism;
- Considering the necessity of confronting and remedying the social decay that exist in the moral, social and political condition of our country;

We, herein to be regarded as founders of a Political Party, have taken upon ourselves to join hands in a bit to tackle the political issues that are plaguing the population of Cameroon, and therefore endorse this document as our constitution to be binding on members and would be members of our Party.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

**CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION (CPRS)** is Political Party that is created to help Cameroonians achieve peace and a democratic regime where their opinion shall be taken into consideration for the wellbeing of the Nation. This Party shall be headed by the National president/Chairman who shall supervise al the activities of the Party. He is vested with the authority to appoint other trusted members to head the branches of the Party all over the national territory, though elections shall always override, appointments in the Party.

## **ARTICLE 1: CREATION, NAME, PARTY SLOGAN, SEAL, PARTY LOGO**

A Political Party is hereby set up this day, **10th of January 2021** amongst the undersigned persons and those who will subsequently become members thereof. This Party shall be governed by Law

**N°90/056 of 19/12/1990** bearing on the functioning of Political Parties in Cameroon. The above-mentioned Party shall be called **CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION** With the acronym (**CPRSR**).

- **PARTY SLOGAN:** VOICE OF THE VOICELESS.
- **PARTY LOGO:** Hands holding each other at the extreme ends as a sign of unity with the name and motto of the Party in the middle, with two lines drawn from the ends with a star in the middle of the lower part.
- **MOTTO:** PEACE, PROGRESS AND UNITY

#### **ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE**

The goal of **CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION (CPRSR)** is to instill moral uprightness amongst Cameroonians which acts as a booster for sustainable socio-economic development, and to join forces in consolidating national unity, peace, integration and to promote the fight against corruption and consolidate the democratic political process of Cameroon.

#### **ARTICLE 3: ADDRESS**

The current address (E-Mail) of Party is \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL BOX. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **ARTICLE 4: HEAD OFFICE AND LIFE SPAN.**

The Headquarters of **CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION (CPRSR)** is in Bamenda, Mezam Division in the North West Region of the Republic Cameroon. It cannot be moved to another place. However, other branches of the Party shall be established all over the country, and by decision of the executive members of the Party. **CPRSR** is of an unlimited life span.

#### **ARTICLE 5: OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY:**

The main objective of the **CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION (CPRSR)** is to instill moral uprightness amongst Cameroonians which acts as a booster for sustainable socio-economic development, and to join forces in consolidating national unity, peace, integration and to promote the fight against corruption and consolidate the democratic political process of Cameroon.

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

The CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION (CPRS) shall strive to:

- Uphold the Unity, Integrity and Sovereignty of the Republic of Cameroon as one united and indivisible country, by promoting dual nationality in order to speed up the return of our children, brothers, sisters, and parents from the Diaspora to contribute to the development of our beloved country;
- Uphold National Integration and the peaceful co-existence amongst ours. diverse people and communities;
- Uphold the protection of life and property;
- Uphold self-respect, self-reliance and human dignity;
- Uphold meaningful and sustainable development, by promoting learning and research in all facets of education and health;
- Uphold true decentralization through an equitable revenue sharing formula to guarantee economic prosperity for all citizens of our beloved country;
- Uphold a just society founded on the tenets of genuine democracy, freedom, equity and fairness.
- Uphold the independence of the judiciary and legislative, grounded on the principle of separation of powers, judiciary review, and checks and balances between the three arms of government;
- Promote the rights of children, the elderly, disabled and other vulnerable persons in our society by propagating for the creation of a national affordable health insurance system, amongst others.

**The Party shall pursue these objectives by:**

- Promoting mutual respect for and understanding of the religious, linguistic and cultural diversity of Cameroon;
- Cooperating with African and other nationalist movements and organizations working for the eradication of imperialism, neo-colonialism and racism;
- Co-operating with member nations in promoting the aims of countries within the CEMAC zone, the African Union (AU), the Commonwealth of Nations, the United Nations Organizations (UNO) and other International and Regional groups.

## **ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP**

### **TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:**

**Founding Members:** These are those members whose names and signatories appear on the certificate of legalization as well as members who participated in the constituent assembly meeting of the Party.

**Ordinary Members:** These are persons who voluntarily seek for membership into the Party and readily acquiesce to meet the adherent conditions to be determined at any given time by the executive board members.

#### **6.1.1. Admission**

- Any individual both male and female supporting the aims of **CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION(CPRSR)**, is eligible to become a member of the Party,
- Moral members must be approved and may seek membership at its own initiative,
- Members shall buy registration cards whose various amounts shall be detailed in the Internal rules and regulations of the Party.
- Upon admission, he/she must pledge to abide by the rules and regulations, the constitution of the party, and other subsequent enactments.

#### **6.1.2. Expulsion**

- Individual or collective members who materially breach the Party's constitution and aims of CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION (CPRSR) are subject to expulsion. Decisions with respect to expulsion shall be taken by the executives, and subsequently by the gerieral assembly.
- Individual or collective members who do not honour their financial obligations for two years are subject to expulsion.
- Members who embezzle or mismanage Party funds or property will be expelled.
- Other activities judged to be detrimental to the smooth functioning of the Party shall warrant expulsion. However, expulsion shall be effective after the accused has been given a chance to defend him/herself in the General Assembly.

#### **6.1.3 Withdrawal**

A member can withdraw from the Party as he/she pleases but must give a formal notification at least three months earlier, and pay up all debts owed to the Party as well as return al Party's property in his/her keeping.

#### **6.1.4 Rights of Members of CPRSR**

Members shall have the rights to:

- Vote and be elected into post of responsibility within the Party
- Share in the tasks/burdens of the Party.
- Consult the records, reports and other documents of the party at the head office.
- Use the services of the Party according to the laid down rules.
- Withdraw from the Party according to the laid down rules.
- Attend and participate in all meetings.

#### **6.1.5 Obligations of the Members**

- Members shall be obliged to:
- Honor their financial and other business commitments to the Party
- Participate in all activities and events of the Party.
- Attend meetings and contribute positively to decisions that can lead to, the growth and prosperity of the Party.
- Respect and comply with all decisions duly taken by the general assembly and the executive in compliance with the rules and regulations in force,
- Use the services and facilities of the Party according to the laid down rules.
- Respect the constitution of the Party and all texts governing the Party
- Respect Party's secrets.

#### **6.1.6 Loss of Membership**

Membership status shall be lost by a decision of the executive board as made by the Party authorities. It can also be through:

- Death,
- Excommunication,
- Voluntary withdrawal,
- A decision of the General Assembly (dismissal for gross insubordination).

#### **ARTICLE 7: FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION (CPRSR)**

The Party resources shall be generated from the following:

- Registration of members
- Members annual contribution
- Other contributions paid by members of the Party.
- Proceeds from and publications of the Party.
- The amounts of membership fees and annual subscription shall be fixed by the Central Coordination Committee and established in the internal rules and regulations.

#### **ARTICLE 8: USE OF PARTY FUNDS**

All party funds-shall be used for the running of Party issues. These funds shall be kept in well recognized bank within the national territory. These funds shall be withdrawn upon presentation of 3 signatories to the bank in question which shall be the President/Chairperson, the treasurer and the financial secretary.

#### **ARTICLE 9: MISAPPROPRIATION**

It is forbidden for any member of the Party to take party funds for personal use. Therefore, any such, perpetrators shall face squarely the laws in force relating thereto.

#### **ARTICLE 10: ACCOUNTS**

The Executive Bureau shall cause true accounts to be kept of:

- All monies received and spent by the treasurer and clarifications in, respect of which such receipts and expenditures take place,
- The assets and liabilities of the Party and in such accounts, assets, held upon any special trust and receipts and payments on accounts of the Party shall: be entered separately and apart from all other assets, receipts and payments,
- Proper books shall be deemed to be kept orderly, such books of accounts as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the treasurer's affairs and to explain his/her transactions.

The executive board may at a general meeting impose reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner in which the books and accounts of the treasurer may be inspected by the board and subject there to, the books and accounts shall be opened to inspection by the board members at all reasonable times during the usual hours.

#### **ARTICLE 11: INVENTORY:**

The accounts of revenue and expenditure of the **Cameroon Party for Peace, Reconciliation, Stability and Reconstruction** shall be kept and an annual financial account drawn up for the past year and an inventory of both moveable and immoveable property, evaluated.

All accounts must be closed and audited at most two months following the close of the financial year. The general assembly shall appoint an auditor from within and outside the Party as appropriate for a period of one year renewable. Any cases of embezzlement or mismanagement of the Party's funds or property shall lead to reimbursement by the guilty party and sanctioned according to procedures laid down in the internal rules and regulations of the Party.

#### **ARTICLE 12: ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE PARTY.**

The Party shall be made up of three main organs, namely:

- The General Assembly (GA), and
- The National Executive committee (NEC).
- Branches/chapters

However, ad hoc communities shall be created to handle particular projects or situations as need be. The executive bureau and general assembly can approve support committees.

#### **ARTICLE 13: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The elected governing board of **CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION (CPRSR)** shall be called the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors shall transact the legal and financial business of this Party unless otherwise specified in this constitution and bylaws or by vote of the Party at an official meeting,

The Board of Directors shall provide strategic leadership for the Party that contributes to fulfilling its vision, mission and objectives,

The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than four and not more than ten voting members of the Party elected to serve five years by a vote of the Party at its annual meeting,

Board members may be re-elected to succeeding five years following consultation and continued recommendation by the nominating team.

The Board of Directors shall provide primary oversight, accountability, partnership and support for the Party which shall include a formal annual review process.

The Board of Directors shall oversee fund raising, finances and expenditures of the Party, maintaining integrity and transparency in all of its actions.

#### **ARTICLE 14: STRUCTURE OF PARTY ORGANIZATION**

The Party shall function upon the following basis:

- National Conference,
- National Executive.

The National Conference shall be the supreme governing authority of the Party and its decisions shall be binding upon every member and every section of the Party.

The National Executive shall be the chief administrative authority of the Party, subject only to the National Conference.

#### **ARTICLE 15: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The General Assembly (GA) shall comprise all registered members of **CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION (CPRSR)**, and shall be the supreme decision-making body. It shall meet once every six months in ordinary sessions, but can meet within meetings, or as a result of a written petition signed by at least one quarter of the registered members. Extraordinary general meetings shall be called by the executives or upon the request of a minimum of a quarter of members. The request for an extraordinary general meeting must be in writing and provide notice of the topic(s) to be determined. Deliberations shall commence when at least one quarter of registered members are present and decisions taken by a simple majority vote. An annual general meeting in the form of a general meeting shall be held each year for the purpose of stock taking and planning not more than three months following the close of the financial year.

The convocation of GA meetings is done by a notification letter sent to every member two weeks before the meeting date with the following mentioned:

- Agenda
- Place
- Date
- Time.

#### **ARTICLE 16: FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- It shall be made up of all the committed members of the Party,
- It shall be the supreme decision-making organ of the Party,
- It shall be convened either by the President/Chairman, a 2/3 majority of the executive board, or at the written request to the executive board or at least 51% of the board members,
- It shall meet once within the last three (03) months every year and shall deliberate and decide on the following:
  - a) The adoption, ratification or rejection of the accounts for the previous year,
  - b) Beside deliberations, it shall serve as a forum for members' education on matters relating to the Party,
  - c) Approve the budget for the next financial year,
  - d) To amend the articles of association and internal rules and regulations of the Party if necessary.

#### **ARTICLE 17: PARTY CONGRESS**

Working in line with the general assembly, the Party Congress shall be charged with approving amendments to party statutes, certain leadership selection responsibilities and other major decisions. It also approves rules for candidate selection, financial management and changes to the Party statutes.

#### **Composition**

The Party shall consist of branches in each Region.

#### **ARTICLE 18: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)**

All National, Regional, Divisional, Divisional, Council Area and Branch Officers of the Party shall hold office for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-election for two other terms and no more. It comprises:

- The President/Chairman
- The Vice President/Chairman
- Secretary General
- Financial secretary
- Treasurer
- Public relation officer
- Advisers

They shall meet once in three months and their decisions shall be taken by a simple majority vote. They are responsible for the day to day functioning of the Party and shall implement the decisions of the general assembly. In this wise, they shall initiate short- and long-term budgets and other plans which must be approved by the general assembly.



### **18.1 The President/Chairman**

- Shall represent the Party in all public occasions.
- Shall convene and preside over all general and executive meetings/
- Shall be a signatory to the party's accounts; sign all correspondences and all other financial documents.
- Take all measures necessary to protect the Party's funds and property:
- Shall give full written report of CPRSR activities at all NEC Meetings.
- He shall be assisted by a vice president who may perform his duties by delegation/or in case of permanent or temporary absence/disability. In case of a permanent absence such as death or resignation/impeachment of the President, the vice shall preside over all meetings until the general assembly elects a new president.
- Shall together with the secretary sign minutes of all CPRSR Executive and General Assembly Meetings, after adoption by NEC members and the house respectively.
- Shall be responsible for the proper management of CPRSR and all its other subsidiary
- organs and coordinates same.

### **18.2 Vice President/Chairman**

Assist the Chairman and carry out duties as assigned by the Chairman and can preside over meetings in the absence of the Chairman

### **18.3 The Secretary General**

The Secretary General shall head the National Secretariat with the following prerogatives:

- Shall record minutes of the general and executive bureau meeting, and responsible for CPRSR documents, records, files and registers.
- Shall in collaboration with the Chairman prepare the agenda for each meeting.
- Shall keep and update the membership register and conduct roll call at each meeting.
- Shall prepare correspondences for the Chairman's signature.
- Shall record and keep minutes of all meetings including a short summary of decisions taken there at the General Assembly and Executive meetings (ordinary and extra-ordinary).
- Shall prepare agenda for meetings after consultation with the President or 2/3 members.
- Shall be responsible to write and dispatch circulars, letters and other correspondences on the instruction of the President, the AGM or NEC.
- Shall furnish an annual or special report of the activities of CPRSR or any of its branches/chapters.
- Shall preside over CPRSR meetings in the absence of the President and vice president.
- Shall read minutes and correspondences at the General Assembly and Executive meetings.
- He shall be assisted by the secretaries of the branches who may perform his duties by delegation- or due to permanent or temporal absence/inability. In case of permanent absence due to death or resignation/ impeachment or other reasons of the secretary general, the vice shall assume full functions until the General Assembly elects a new secretary general.

#### **18.4 The Treasurer**

- Shall be strict, trustworthy and of a good financial background.
- Shall be the custodian of CPRSR funds.
- Shall receive for safe keeping all monies collected for CPRSR
- Shall deposit such funds collected in a bank account to the credit of CPRSR within 48 hours
- Shall be signatory to CPRSR's accounts as well as the watchdog of all CPRSR assets and funds.
- Shall work closely with the financial secretary and keep such accurate books, records and documents and shall show a true picture of CPRSR's financial position.
- Shall make available for inspection at all reasonable times when required by an auditor duly appointed by the General Assembly or NEC the bank books and all other CPRSR financial accounts kept by him.
- Shall make no payments not sanctioned by the finance committee or authorized by the president and, or without the required signatories.
- Shall adopt or comply with any rules or regulations made by CPRSR to control and regulate financial transactions.
- He shall be a member of the finance committee.

#### **18.5 The Financial Secretary**

- Shall keep a record of all income and expenditure of the Party, and thus responsible for drawing up the financial statements of the Party.
- Shall prepare and present quarterly financial reports to the executive bureau and general assembly.
- Shall keep all party's property as well as financial records
- Shall be a signatory to the Party's accounts.
- Shall produce a financial report at every NEC or General Assembly meetings.
- Shall see to it that all withdrawals from or payments by the treasurer are duly registered and duly signed by the required signatories.

#### **18.6 Public relation officer**

- Deal with all matters related with publicity of the Party such as publications (posters, magazines, radio/TV programs, etc.)
- Prepares and arranges meeting venues, the Palace, sitting positions etc.
- Must work in collaboration with coordinators of other branches
- Must be smart, intelligent and ready to work.
- Must be computer literate and makes sure all branches are duly informed about meetings.
- Must be present in all committee meetings.

#### **18.7 The Advisers**

- They shall not be elected but chosen from amongst well grounded personalities of the society for purposes patterning to their expertise

### **18.8 The Auditors**

- Shall be a team of two or more, with an accounting background, who shall examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer every year and submit reports to the Executive Bureau.
- An external auditor may be appointed by the executive board or on the request of the general assembly meeting each year and whenever necessary to audit the accounts of the Party. He or she shall conduct checks on both financial and non-financial activities of the party to ensure that actual results obtained are in accordance with planned objectives.

### **ARTICLE 19: ELECTIONS**

- Elections shall be conducted for all elective posts in the party renewable as shall be specified in the internal rules and regulations with recommendations from the General assembly and the Party as a whole.
- Those wishing to contest for elections must be those that are fully committed and devoted in Party activities.
- Elections shall be by secret ballot.
- A candidate shall be declared winner by a simple majority vote of the members voting.

### **ARTICLE 20: PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS.**

Nomination will be accepted from the floor or general meeting of the Party for various offices. Votes will be made by secret ballots with a result determined by a simple majority.

### **ARTICLE 21: TENURE OF OFFICE OF PARTY OFFICERS**

(1) All National, Regional, Divisional, Council Area and Branch Officers of the Party shall hold office for a term of five years and shall be eligible for re-election for two other terms and no more.

(2) The election of National Officers shall be at the National Congress, while that of those at the lower levels shall be at the respective Conferences.

(3) A vote of confidence may be moved on any member of the Executive Committee of the Party at any level at any National Congress or Conference of the Party two years into the tenure of such member of the Executive Committee.

(4) A vote of confidence shall be deemed defeated if not passed by a simple, majority of the members of the Party at the Congress or Conference sitting and voting.

(5) Any officer elected into the Executive Committee of the Party at any level may resign his or her office by giving thirty days' notice in writing to the appropriate Executive Committee, except in the case of resignation for the purpose of vying for an elective office which shall be effective within the period stipulated in the guideline issued for such elective office by the National Executive Committee.

(6) Where a vacancy occurs in any of the offices of the Party, the Executive Committee at the appropriate level shall appoint another person from the branch or council area where the officer originated from, pending the conduct of election to fill the vacancy.

## **ARTICLE 22: AFFILIATION**

The party may network with other Political Parties having similar aims and objectives, but the identity of **CAMEROON PARTY FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION, STABILITY AND RECONCILIATION (CPRSR)** shall always be maintained.

## **ARTICLE 23: INTERNAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Internal rules and regulations shall be elaborated and approved by the general assembly to complete certain provisions of the articles of association of the Party. They shall spell out and complete the various provisions of the constitution of the Party and other modalities to run the Party.

## **ARTICLE 24: SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PARTY**

**24.1.** The provisions of this constitution shall prevail supreme over all other subsidiary documents like the internal rules and regulations, flyers, tracks, communiqués and many others.

**24.2.** Where part or a whole of this constitution is contradicted by any of the aforementioned, the provisions of the subsidiary text shall be considered null and void.

**24.3.** Any questions as to the interpretation of any part of this constitution shall be referred to the Executive Board for competence.

**24.4.** Situation where any part of this constitution contradicts the provisions of superior texts such as Law No 90/.056 of 19/12/1990 shall be immediately redressed without any consultation with other persons. However, this must be ascertained by the Executive committee or with any legal aid.

## **ARTICLE 25: AMMENDMENTS**

Amendments of either the constitution or the internal rules and regulations shall be proposed by the executive bureau or members, submitted and discussed in the general assembly meeting before adoption. Such adoption shall be a 2/3 majority of votes cast with at least 2/3 of registered members present. The Board of Directors retains the authority to amend and/or recommend or deny these submissions for a vote of the Party. A recommendation to "deny" by the Board of Directors may be overridden by written request from 10% of the voting members of the Party.

This Board of Directors must be notified of any proposed additions or amendments to the bylaw's constitution in writing at least 30 days advance of the meeting at which the vote will take in and place.

## **ARTICLE 26: DISSOLUTION:**

**26. 1.** The party can be dissolved in two ways:

- Court/Administrative Action
- Voluntary dissolution.

**26.2.** The court action can be proclaimed where judicial procedures find the Party guilty of crimes contrary to the State Institutions or Law.

**26.3.** Voluntary dissolution can be proposed by any members when the Party can no longer meet up with its goals in any general/ extraordinary meeting. Such deliberation thereto shall only be possible where:

- 2/3 of the registered members are in attendance.
- 2/3 of such majority vote in favor of the decision

**26.4.** On dissolution, the fate of the outstanding funds and property of the Party after the satisfaction of all debts shall be decided by the members of the Party mainly by donating them to other Political Parties with similar objectives and not with influence from a particular member of group of persons...

Done at **BAMENDA** this **10th of January 2021**, and **Adopted by founders**.

NAME	ID CARD N°	SIGNATURE