



DECREE No. 2018/719 OF 30 NOV 2018
to establish the National Disarmament,
Demobilization and Reintegration Committee

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,

Mindful of the Constitution;

Mindful of Decree No. 2011/408 of 9 December 2011 to organize the Government, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2018/190 of 2 March 2018;

Considering the peace appeal made in the inaugural address of the President of the Republic on 6 November 2018,

HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS

CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1: (1) This decree establishes the National Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Committee, abbreviated as “NDDRC”, hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”.

(2) The Committee shall be under the authority of the Prime Minister, Head of Government.

(3) It shall be headquartered in Yaounde.

(4) The Committee shall have regional centres in Bamenda, Buea and Mora. Other centres may be set up, as and when necessary, on the recommendation of the Management Board.

CHAPTER II
DUTIES

ARTICLE 2: (1) The Committee shall be responsible for organizing, supervising and managing the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of ex-fighters of Boko Haram and armed groups in the North-West and South-West Regions willing to respond favourably to the Head of State’s peace appeal by laying down their arms.

As such, it shall be responsible notably for:

(1) Disarmament:

- receiving and disarming ex-fighters of Boko Haram and armed groups in the North-West and South-West Regions;
- collecting, listing and storing weapons and munitions voluntarily handed over by ex-fighters ;
- taking appropriate measures to destroy the said weapons, munitions and explosives, in conjunction with other relevant government services.

(2) Demobilization:

- setting up and managing cantonment sites for ex-fighters;
- supervising ex-fighters;
- providing multifaceted assistance to ex-fighters to prepare them for a return to civil life.

(3) Reintegration:

- taking the necessary steps to de-radicalize ex-fighters;
- sensitizing and providing multifaceted assistance to home communities to facilitate the reintegration of ex-fighters;
- helping to reintegrate ex-fighters into civil life, particularly by organizing, training and providing them with tools and means of production and assistance for the creation of income-generating activities.

CHAPTER III
ORGANIZATION

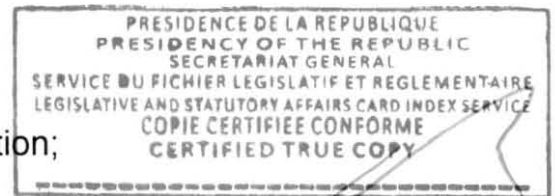
ARTICLE 3: The Committee shall comprise:

- the Management Board;
- the National Coordination;
- regional centres.



SECTION I
MANAGEMENT BOARD

ARTICLE 4: (1) The Management Board chaired by the Prime Minister, Head of Government, shall be responsible for defining the strategic guidelines and ensuring the monitoring and evaluation of the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration programme.



(2) It shall comprise the following members:

- the Minister in charge of territorial administration;
- the Minister in charge of external relations;
- the Minister in charge of the economy, planning and regional development;
- the Minister in charge of finance;
- the Minister in charge of youth affairs;
- the Minister in charge of secondary education;
- the Minister in charge of employment and vocational training;
- the Minister in charge of agriculture;
- the Minister in charge of livestock and fisheries;
- the Minister in charge of defence;
- the Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence in charge of the National Gendarmerie;
- the Delegate General for National Security;
- the Delegate General for External Research;
- the Chairperson of the National Commission on Bilingualism and Multiculturalism;
- regional centre heads.

ARTICLE 5: The Management Board shall meet as necessary when convened by the Prime Minister, Head of Government.

SECTION II NATIONAL COORDINATION

ARTICLE 6: (1) Under the authority of a National Coordinator assisted by a Deputy, the National Coordination shall be responsible for the implementation and operational management of the Programme for the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration of Ex-fighters.

(2) The National Coordinator and his Deputy shall be appointed by decree of the President of the Republic.

SECTION III REGIONAL CENTRES

ARTICLE 7: (1) The regional centres provided for in Article 1 above shall be responsible for discharging the duties of the Committee at local level.

(2) They shall be under the responsibility of centre heads appointed by order of the Prime Minister, Head of Government.

CHAPTER V FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 8: (1) The resources of the Committee shall be derived from:

- State subsidies;
- grants and legacies;
- contributions by national and international technical partners;
- any other resources that may be allocated thereto, in accordance with the laws in force.


(2) The National Coordinator shall be the main authorizing officer of the Committee.

CHAPTER IV **MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

ARTICLE 9: Within the framework of its duties, the Committee shall, as and when necessary, collaborate with the relevant government services, NGOs and international partners, particularly the United Nations Organization.

ARTICLE 10: This decree shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.

Yaounde, 30 NOV 2018



[Signature]
PAUL BIYA
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

