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"THE GOVERNMENT OF TRANSITION SHALL GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF SUPPLYING CLEAN DRINKING WATER TO THE PEOPLE, BUILDING OF CLASS-ROOMS TO DEPRIVED RURAL AREAS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE, THE PROVISION OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND MEDICINES AND THE PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE."

"LE GOUVERNEMENT DE TRANSITION ACCORDERA UNE ATTENTION PARTICULIÈRE À LA FOURNITURE EN EAU POTABLE, À LA CONSTRUCTION DE SALLES DE CLASSE EN ZONE RURALE, À LA CONSTRUCTION D'INFRASTRUCTURES ROUTIÈRES, À LA FOURNITURE D'ÉQUIPEMENTS ET DE SOINS DE SANTÉ, À LA PROMOTION DE L'AGRICULTURE."





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SOLEMN UNDERTAKING OF BERNARD A. MUNA TO THE PEOPLE OF CAMEROON

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BERNARD ACHO MUNA (of Lincoln's London), Barrister-at-law, former President of the Cameroon Bar Association, Former President of the Central Africa Lawyers Association, Former Deputy Chief Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Candidate of the forthcoming Presidential election, do hereby declare as follows:

CONSIDERING the fact that since the re-introduction of the multi-party system of government in Cameroon, the ruling party which was the former ruling single party (it only changed its name) has continued to use all the structures of the one-party system to govern Cameroon as if it was a one-party state;

CONSIDERING the fact that for more than 28 years the ruling party has used the political machine of the one-party state to deny Cameroonians a genuinely free society underpinned by free and fair elections, the respect of all aspects of human rights and an independent judiciary;

CONSIDERING the fact that the constitution of the Republic of Cameroon has been constantly been altered to suit the needs of the former one party and its Chairman, who is also the President of the Republic of Cameroon;

CONSIDERING the fact that Cameroon is now a nation reputed and notorious for: "the mismanagement (i. e. embezzlement) of public funds", "judicial insecurity" (i. e. corruption), "administrative bottle necks", "custom fraud" and "corruption" as President Biya admitted on the 18th May, 2010 during his opening speech at the "Africa 21 Conference";

CONSIDERING that the embezzlement of public funds, corruption and fraud has resulted into the complete lack of maintenance and abandonment of the national road infrastructure, school children attending classes in grass huts, many Cameroonians drinking contaminated water and living in unhealthy conditions and many more unable to receive adequate medical care;

CONSIDERING that because of the above facts and many more that have not been catalogued, present day Cameroon under the CPDM government has been reduced into a state of anarchy, where there is no Rule of Law; a lawless society dominated and taken in hostage by unscrupulous and dishonest Government Ministers, politicians, civil servants and businessmen;

I BERNARD ACHO MUNA, Presidential candidate for the forthcoming presidential election, do hereby make the following solemn undertaking:

- ★ That upon my election as President of the Republic of Cameroon, I will lead a government of transition which shall govern for a period single term of office during a period of five years and shall not seek re-election or to renew my hold of office as President of the Republic in any other way whatsoever. During the period of transition, the government shall concentrate of establishing healthy political atmosphere supported by institutions which shall allow for free, fair and transparent political competition that shall be based on the equality of all citizens;
- ★ That during this five year term of office as President of the Republic of Cameroon, I promise to draw up a new Constitution and carry out needed reforms in the administration of our nation taking into consideration the specificities of the multi-ethnic, multi-tribal and multi-cultural society that Cameroon is. Such a Constitution which shall be adopted by the people by way of referendum shall specifically contain a provision that shall oblige any change or amendment of the Constitution to be equally effected by way of another referendum;
- ★ That such a new Constitution, which shall limit the mandate of a President of the Republic to two terms of five years, shall also contain strict measures that shall guarantee the independence of the Legislature and the Judiciary putting them beyond the manipulative reach of the President of the Republic, the Head of the Executive and his Government as well as a really fair and free society;
- ★ That the process of decentralization shall not be limited to creating elected Regional Assemblies but shall also include the election of Regional Governors who shall be the head of the Regional Executive. These regions shall be given real power and the financial means to manage the specific matters over which they shall have authority;
- ★ That upon my election, I shall immediately seek for the repatriation of the remains of our late President Ahmadou Ahidjo now lying buried in Dakar, Senegal. Once the remains shall arrive in Cameroon the government of transition shall organize a fitting funeral ceremony with all the honours due to the first President of Cameroon and a founding father of the Organization of African Unity (now the African Union). This act shall constitute the politics of reconciliation put forward by the Alliance of Progressive Forces and which shall be implemented by a Truth and Reconciliation Commission;
- ★ That the government of transition shall give special attention to the problems of supplying clean drinking water to the people, Building of classrooms to deprived rural areas, the construction of road infrastructure especially national and farm to market roads, the provision of health facilities and medicines and the promotion of agriculture.

This is my solemn undertaking to the people of Cameroon.

Done in Yaoundé, 28th May, 2011

Bernard A. Muna





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**WHY
I AM CANDIDATE:
“CAMEROON
CAN DO BETTER !”**

« ALL FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE »

My case is simple. Cameroon can and must do better! My vision is one of national renewal of a country with a dynamic and hardworking people, a youthful population full of energy and of purpose, and blessed with a land of abundant natural resources.

I advocate for People centered development that differs from the purposeless, ill-thought out, unplanned policies and development programmes of the Cameroon Peoples' Democratic Movement that has impoverished Cameroonians for almost three decades.

As an ideal, any idea for development must have the well-being of the people at the centre. This is an ideology that must be at the heart of every policy or programme that is proposed. For me, what counts is not only what works, but what works for the benefit of the people.

I believe in Cameroon. It is a wonderful country with a colourful variety of ethnic groups and tribes. It is in this variety that our unity lies. The Cameroon people are a great people, hardworking, friendly and hospitable. That is why I believe that they deserve better. Better schools, better hospitals, better ways of tackling crime, better administration manned by honest citizens who are servants of the people rather than their masters. I believe in building a society that is equipped to face the challenges and the hard realities of a global economy.

I want a Cameroon with shared values and ambitions where equal opportunities come before merit, and merit before privileges. A Cameroon where the people are proud of their nation because it provides them with the freedom that allows them to realize their full potential in every field of endeavour. A Cameroon where a proud and confident people can look to the future with hope.

I want a Cameroon where the people have faith in the ability of its government to build this new society. It can be done, first by electing good and honest people who can form an accountable government which people can trust.

I want the people of Cameroon to renew their faith in politics. True politics is the art and science of governing human beings. Government should govern in the interest of all the people, the broad majority of people, who work hard, play by the rules, pay their taxes and feel let down by a political system which is corrupt and governed by an elite at the top, increasingly out of touch with the people. It is the duty of government to govern in a way that brings unity to our nation.

I want a Cameroon in which every citizen feels that they belong, in whose future every citizen has a stake. A Cameroon in which what we want for our own children, we also want for the children of others. I intend to change the way politics is done in Cameroon. The greatest harm that the CPDM regime has done our nation, apart from building a society without any moral, social or spiritual values, is to have robbed the people of Cameroon, especially the youths, of the greatest asset the people of a nation can have: hope! Hope for a better tomorrow, hope for a better future. Hope that honesty and hard work will produce results. Hope that we can build together a better Cameroon. Hope that the next generation will be better provided for.

In more than 28 years of rule in Cameroon, the CPDM government has killed and buried hope in Cameroon. The CPDM has made Cameroonians to lose hope in politics and in politicians. I intend to rekindle the candle of hope in Cameroon because a nation without hope is a nation lost. I want the people of Cameroon once more to have hope in politics as a means of changing Cameroon for the better. I want the people of Cameroon to have hope that the future will be better. I want the people of Cameroon to have hope in their elected representatives in every aspect of Cameroon political life. I want to build brick by brick but in a five years period so that the people can see what is happening.





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THE AFRICAN UNITY, GATEWAY TO PEACE, STABILITY AND PROGRESS

« THE AFRICAN UNITY
MUST NOT BE LEFT TO
GOVERNMENTS ALONE »

Africa has come some way along a road which remains still very long. From the days of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) when African leaders met once a year as a talking shop without any concrete program or action to find solutions to the many problems that faced the Continent some of which still face Africa to this day. Today we can thank God that many African political leaders are at least conscious of the fact the destiny of the African peoples lie in their togetherness. Late President Kwame Nkrumah once said after the independence of Ghana that Ghana would not be independent unless all the countries of Africa are independent. Today we can say that many African leaders have realized that their own nations cannot be at peace unless every country in Africa enjoys peace. It is a welcome sign to note that there are many Heads of States in Africa who have come to realize that the economic development and prosperity of all the peoples of Africa lies in the unity of her people. Africa must be the master of the security of her people in a world where domination of one sort or another is still on the agenda of some nations.

The time has come when the task of promoting African unity must not be left to governments alone. As African countries have abandoned the one-party state and embraced multi-party politics, the African Union must reflect this reality. This is not to call for the establishment of an opposition in the African Union; it is a suggestion that recognizes the fact that even in opposition parties in African countries there are leaders who are equally keen on African Unity and who have good ideas that may be relevant when African political leaders meet. As the forum of the African Union is not the place ventilate domestic differences, it is hoped that their presence at the meetings of the AU will be an opportunity for all parties to work together in the promotion of unity.

The United Africa Association which was promoted and founded by eminent persons such as Kenneth Kaunda (former President of Zambia), Amadou Toumani Touré (now President of Mali), William Eteki Mboumoua (former Secretary-General of the OAU), Edem Kodjo (former Secretary-General of the OAU) and Bernard A. Muna (former President of the Central African Lawyers Union and of the Cameroon Bar), is an organization which designed to generate interest in African Unity at the grassroots level. In other words, Africans at the grassroots level must be made aware of the necessity of African unity and also participate. The narrow minded notion of the nationalism of African states can only be eradicated through education of isolationist and the promotion of the unity of Africa.





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FAMILY, THE BASIC UNIT OF THE NEW CAMEROONIAN SOCIETY

« HONESTY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT:
THE MORTAR OF THE NEW CAMEROON »

In the age of what is now popularly known as the global village where families, young people and children are exposed through the television and radio to other cultures and civilizations, it is important that our nation Cameroon, in its quest to build a new society, concentrate on the family, the most important element in building a new Cameroon. The most important element of a successful nation is not material realizations evidenced by skyscrapers, great motorways, fast and luxurious trains running on ultra-modern railways nor even the great industrial achievements that are represented by nuclear power stations or automated assembly lines for cars or other industrial production or even a large, well equipped and efficient armed forces crowned by nuclear weapons. The most important element in measuring a successful society are still the social, spiritual and moral values that the people in the society hold dear and which form the basis of managing and running such a society.

The real school where these values take their root is the family. It is within the family unit that any government which wishes to build a better society for tomorrow must concentrate. First of all with the availability of hundreds of television channels in Cameroon, families and children are exposed to different cultures, moral and social values. Many of them may become confused and may start to embrace social behaviors that are not looked upon kindly within our society. The economic and social mismanagement of Cameroon, for more than two decades now, has favored the emergence of and gradual establishment within the nation of different types of antisocial and dishonest behavior such as feymanism, bribery and corruption even in the school system, thievery and other fraudulent systems using the internet. Lots of children and youths believe that cheating a friend only shows that you are cleverer than him. They do not see that that is a dishonest behavior.

In building a new Cameroon, we need to encourage families to develop within the family unit behavior that are based on proper moral, spiritual and social values. These values have to be reinforced in the school or educational system. The state must encourage families to bring up their children under a strict disciplinary code. Disciplined and moral upbringing at home must be followed up by a disciplined and enlightened education in schools buttressed by civic education based on the respect of one another.

It is hoped that by having a strong family unit where the children are brought up on strict moral, social and spiritual values, reinforced by an educational system built on the respect of self and the respect of others, where honesty, integrity are recognized as values that make up a good citizen. The nation builders of tomorrow, will indeed be the mortar with which tomorrow's society will be built.



BUILDING A NEW CAMEROON

BÂTIR UN NOUVEAU CAMEROUN

■ A NEW CONSTITUTION

- ★ New democratic institutions which respond to the specificities of African Nations and societies
- ★ National unity based on the respect of cultural and ethnic groups
- ★ Establish a really independent judiciary
- ★ Ensure the promotion and respect of human rights
- ★ Create and establish a human rights tribunal
- ★ True decentralization with elected governors and giving power and financial means to the regions
- ★ Provide the armed forces and national security the necessary means and material to ensure internal and external security
- ★ A new society based on true spiritual, moral and social values
- ★ Honesty and integrity in all sectors of public administration
- ★ Reinforce economic and social cooperation in the sub-region of Central Africa
- ★ Make Cameroon to lead the African Union to become relevant to the daily lives of the people of Africa

■ PRIORITY AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT

- ★ Assure free and compulsory primary education for all (no hidden costs) and the building of new classrooms in rural areas and villages
- ★ Provision of accessible health centers and dispensaries for the rural population
- ★ Provide clean drinking water for 70 % of the population who do not have
- ★ Promote agricultural development and assist farmers with the provision of fertilizers, necessary chemicals and technical support
- ★ Provide good roads infrastructure for easy communication and movement of goods and farm products
- ★ Lay down the foundation for a five year development plan

■ UNE NOUVELLE CONSTITUTION

- ★ Ériger de nouvelles institutions démocratiques prenant en compte les spécificités des nations et des sociétés africaines
- ★ Unité nationale basée sur le respect des groupes culturels et ethniques
- ★ Mise en place d'un pouvoir judiciaire réellement indépendant
- ★ Promotion et respect des droits humains
- ★ Création et mise en place d'une Cour des droits de l'homme
- ★ Véritable décentralisation avec des gouverneurs élus et transfert effectif de pouvoirs et de moyens financiers aux régions
- ★ Mise à la disposition des forces armées et de sécurité nationale des moyens et des matériels nécessaires pour assurer la sécurité intérieure et extérieure du pays
- ★ Bâtir une nouvelle société basée sur des véritables valeurs spirituelles, morales et sociales
- ★ Ériger en règle l'honnêteté et l'intégrité dans tous les secteurs de l'administration
- ★ Renforcer la coopération économique et sociale dans la sous-région de l'Afrique centrale
- ★ Faire du Cameroun le moteur de l'Union africaine pour changer le quotidien des peuples d'Afrique

■ DES SECTEURS PRIORITAIRES DE DÉVELOPPEMENT

- ★ Assurer une éducation primaire obligatoire et gratuite pour tous (pas de coûts cachés) et construire de nouvelles salles de classe dans les villages et les zones rurales
- ★ Mise à la disposition de centres de santé primaire et de dispensaires accessibles aux populations rurales
- ★ Assurer l'accès à l'eau potable aux 70 % de la population qui en sont dépourvus
- ★ Promouvoir le développement agricole et aider les paysans en leur fournissant engrais et soutien technique
- ★ Offrir de bonnes infrastructures routières pour un déplacement aisé des biens et des personnes
- ★ Jeter les bases d'un plan de développement quinquennal

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