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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CAMYOSFOP OVERVIEW OF OUR WORK IN 2020

Dear CAMYOSFOP Members and Friends,

Happy and prosperous 2021 filled with peace and achievements in all your endeavors. I would like to take this opportunity to immensely thank everyone for their outstanding achievements in 2020 in spite of the challenging COVID-19 pandemic, and outline our goals for 2021.

In 2020, CAMYOSFOP carried out numerous interstate and grassroots capacity buildings, advocacies and campaigns. Thanks to the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) UNSCAR grant, CAMYOSFOP started the process of engaging the 11 Member States of the Economic Community of Central African States on data collection of SDG 16.4.2 on Small Arms and Light Weapons in Central Africa. A toolkit for the capacity strengthening of the member states and data collection was validated in December 2020.

A mile stone on the CAMYOSFOP arms control program in 2020 was her consideration by the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX) as the implementing partner of the Africa Amnesty Month on voluntary weapons collection in Cameroon. The project was officially launched by the Minister of External Relations with the participation of the UNODA represented by Dr Ivor Richard FUNG, Deputy Chief of Conventional Weapons and the Executive Secretary of the Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lake and Horn of Africa (RECSA), General Badreldin Elamin ABDELGADIR MOHAMED. Activities for this project that covered four regions of Cameroon included: the training of relevant ministries on Physical Stockpile Management of Weapons (PSSM), training of the police on Community Policing, Consultation with traditional leaders and women on their role in the fight against the illicit proliferation of SALW in Bamenda and Maroua and the organization of sensitization caravans on the voluntary handing over of

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illegal weapons in Bertoua and Maroua. The illicit weapons collected by the DDR Commission, the Police and the Gendarmerie will be destroyed in 2021.

With the support of UN Women, CAMYOSFOP engaged Vulnerable groups of women including the Mbororos, Baka pygmy, Women and young people living with HIV in the East, Littoral, West and South West Regions of Cameroon in the fight against the stigmatization of HIV/AIDS amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Activities for this project included; capacity building on micro finance management and provision of financial support for their micro projects. Projects supported were; setting up of a provision store for the Baka women, the purchase of catering equipment for rental for the Mbororo women and the purchase of chairs for rental for the Women Living with HIV in Tiko and Buea. Equally, CAMYOSFOP trained and facilitated the establishment of the Network of young people living with HIV (RECAJ+) in the Littoral and West Regions of Cameroon, as well as building the capacity of health workers on service delivery on HIV in Bafoussam. As part of this project, CAMYOSFOP hired health centres to provide health services to Women Living with HIV in Tiko and Buea and provided psychosocial services to over 100 Mbororo and Baka women. The high point of this project was the organization of sensitization caravans on the fight against HIV/AIDS, GBV and COVID-19 in the Baka and Mbororo communities.

As a follow up to the above project, CAMYOSFOP was again supported by UN Women in another project titled: “COVID-19 intervention within vulnerable women groups in the East and South West of Cameroon.” The project permitted us to train these women on the production of COVID 19 Prevention kits including standardized reusable cloth barrier masks, antiseptic soap, hydro-alcoholic gel and menthol. In addition, start-up kits were handed to them for the production and commercialization of these products in their communities to improve on their livelihood.

CAMYOSFOP in 2020, continued to engage her Secondary school Human Right, Peace and SDG Clubs. As part of the 2020 Youth Day in Cameroon, we are proud to have organized a Painting Competition on **the fight against drugs and violence within the school milieu** with the participation of 10 clubs. Holy Infant High School, Melen; Lycee Classique, Nkolbison; Lycee Bilingue, Etug-Ebe; and Mario Complex Academy emerged winners of this competition.

Equally, as part of the celebration of the Human Rights Day on 10 December, CAMYOSFOP in partnership with the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms (NCHRF) organized the fifth edition of her Essay Competition Excellence Award with the theme: **“How can COVID-19 affect the right to education?”** Holy

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Infant High School, Melen; Christian Comprehensive Secondary School, Nkolbong; Saint Marcellin Bilingual Secondary School, Carrier; and Lycee de la Cite Verte were outstanding in this competition. The various competitions revealed incredible talents exhibited by the participating students. Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic a ceremony could not be organized to hand over the prizes to the winners of these competitions.

In 2021 we hope to continue sustaining our Human Rights, Peace and SDGs Clubs through extracurricular activities and interclub competitions on paintings, Essay, debates, quizzes, dance etc. We also hope to continue to engage the Mbororo and Pygmy communities, Women and Young people Living with HIV/AIDS and Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) on the fight against HIV/AIDS, GBV and COVID-19. Finally, we will be training and engaging the 11 member states of ECCAS on data collection on SDG 16.4.2 on SALW and the application of the International Tracing Instrument (ITI).

I heartily thank our partners: UN Women, United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR); Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) on the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT); European Union Commission in Yaounde; Swiss Embassy in Yaounde; Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS); Africa Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC); Ministry of External Relations (MINREX), Ministry of Women Empowerment and the Family (MINPROFF), Ministry of Youth and Civic Education (MINJEC); National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms (NCHRF); Control Arms; International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA); Women International League for Peace and Freedoms (WILPF); Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE); and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).

We can't thank you enough for all of your support this year. From our entire team, we want to wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. We look forward to working together throughout the upcoming year.

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