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2024 NEW YEAR MESSAGE AND AN OVERVIEW OF CAMYOSFOP IN 2023 FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CAMYOSFOP

Dear CAMYOSFOP Members and Friends,

I wish you a happy and prosperous 2024 filled with peace and achievements in all your endeavours. I would like to take this opportunity to immensely thank everyone for their contribution to CAMYOSFOP's outstanding achievements in 2023 and to outline some of our goals for 2024.

In 2023, CAMYOSFOP held an early regular Board meeting and a staff retreat to plan for the year. The key element in the planning was the expansion of the organization. On this, we successfully established the Bertoua Field Office with a Regional Coordinator appointed to that office and for the Eastern Region. Equally, thanks to our project on building the protection capacities of IDP women and girls in the Mbam and Inoubou Divisions, we set up a Coordination Office in Bafia and Safe Spaces in Bafia and Ombessa for the project.

We successfully organized the Second Edition of the Certified Course on the Diplomacy of Arms Control, Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (DACPD) from 4 to 22 September in partnership with the International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC), the Regional Centre on Small Arms in the Great Lakes, the Horn and Neighbouring States of Africa (RECSA), the UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa (UNREC), the Africa Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC), and the Trans-Atlantic Consulting. The programme that was a success saw the participation of 32 participants from the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF), Ministry of Territorial Administration (MINAT), Ministry of External Relations (MINREX), Ministry of Justice and Keeper of the Seal (MINJUSTICE), Secretary of State for Defence in Charge of the Gendarmerie (SED), International School for Security Forces (EIFORCE), National Committee on DDR (NCDDR), Directorate General of Customs, one international participant from Burundi, and the civil society. We are therefore thankful to the above partners and government agencies for raising the bar of the programme.

Another milestone in 2023 was that, thanks to the United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR), we developed a joint reporting template for the UN

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Programme of Action on SALW (PoA) and the Kinshasa Convention on SALW in Central Africa and trained the 11 member states of ECCAS on the use of the tool from 27 to 29 September.

I am also pleased to note that, thanks to our excellent relations with the Ministry of External Relations (MINREX), the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 2022, we have been able to contribute to the implementation of the Saving Lives Entity (SALIENT) Project as an Implementing Partner and Consultant by drafting a three-year project document on its sustainability in Cameroon.

Thanks to the People of Japan and the UN Women, we have also been in the forefront of empowering and alleviating poverty among the Internally Displaced Women and Girls and survivors of Gender Based Violence (GBV) from the North West and South West Regions of Cameroon in the Bafia and Ombessa, Mbam and Inoubou Divisions.

Above all, we have kept on sustaining our Human Rights and Peace Clubs in over 30 secondary schools as well as our engagement with vulnerable women groups, including the Mbororo and Baka Pygmy communities in the Eastern Region of Cameroon, Women Living with HIV, and IDP women and girls in Cameroon.

In 2024, we hope to keep expanding by establishing our second Field Office for the South West Region in Buea.

Our entrepreneurship project with women and girls IDPs will roll out in 2024. Through this project, we will be able to provide seed funds to feasible projects of these women to improve on their wellbeing and those of their families.

Our Certified Course on the Diplomacy of Arms Control, Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (DACPD) will be in its 3rd edition with intention to engage participation from other African countries.

We also plan to organize a regional training on Physical, Stock, and Security Management of Weapons (PSSM) with the 11 member states of ECCAS, to serve as preparation for the 4th UN Review Conference on the PoA planned for 17-27 June 2024 in New York.

Apart from the above, CAMYOSFOP will be organizing parallel events during the 68th Commission of the Status of Women (CSW) and the 4th RevCon on PoA to hold at the UN in New York.

I wish, once more, to heartily thank our Board members, staff and partners who made 2023 a successful year for the Forum.

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