REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON Peace-Work Fatherland

REPUBLIQUE DU CAMEROUN Paix-Travail-Patrie

DECRÉE N° 2014/058

OF 18 FEV. 2014

To commute and remit sentences

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

Mindful of the Constitution;

Mindful of law n°67/LF. 1 of 12 June 1967 to institute the Penal Code and subsequent amendments thereto;

Mindful of law n°82/14 of 26 November 1982 to lay down the organization and functioning of the Higher Judicial Council.

HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Article 1</u> Persons whose sentences have become final as at the date of signature of this decree shall benefit from remission as follows:

- Commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment in favor of persons initially sentenced to death;
- Commutation to 20 (twenty) years in favor of persons initially sentenced to death and whose sentence has already been commuted to life imprisonment;
- Commutation to 20 (twenty) years in favor of persons initially sentenced to life imprisonment that has not yet been commuted;

- 4) Commutation to 25 (twenty five) years imprisonment in favor of persons initially sentenced to life imprisonment, for misappropriation of public funds and whose stay in prison is equal to or above 10 (ten) years;
- Total remission of sentence in favor of persons initially sentenced to a term of imprisonment, for misappropriation of public funds, and whose stay in prison for the same offence is above 10 (ten) years;
- Remission of 10 (ten) years imprisonment in favor of persons initially sentenced to a term of imprisonment, for misappropriation of public funds, and whose stay in prison is below 10 (ten) years;
- Remission of 03 (three) years in favor persons initially sentenced to death and whose sentence has already been commuted to a term of imprisonment;
- 8) Remission of 03 (three) years in favor persons initially sentenced to life imprisonment that has already been commuted to a term of imprisonment;
- 9) Remission of 03 (three) years in favor persons initially sentenced to life imprisonment that has already been commuted to a term of imprisonment equal to or above 10 (ten) years;
- 10) Remission of 15 (fifteen) months in favor persons initially sentenced to a term of imprisonment below 10 (ten) years but above 05 (five) years;
- 11) Remission of 12 (twelve) months in favor persons initially sentenced to a term of imprisonment below 05 (five) years but above 03 (three) years;
- 12) Remission of 08 (eight) months in favor persons initially sentenced to a term of imprisonment below or equal to 03 (three) years but above 01 (one) year;
- 13) Remission of 06 (six) months in favor persons initially sentenced to a term of imprisonment below or equal to 01 (one) year.



<u>Article 2</u>: For the application of the remission provided hereinabove, minors whithin the meaning of criminal law who have been sentenced shall in addition benefit from one third of the applicable remission;

Article 3: a) The commutations provided under article (1), (2) and (3) above shall take effect from the date of signature of this Decree, the said date being the starting point for the calculation of the remaining term of imprisonment to be served;

- **b)** In case of consecutive sentences, the provisions of Article 1 shall apply to the sentence being served on the date of signature of this Decree, and where the person is free, they shall apply to the sentence to be served first;
- c) In case of concurrent sentences, remission, shall apply to the sentence to be served.

Article 4: The provisions of Article 1 of this Decree shall not apply to:

- fugitives at the date of signature of this Decree;
- · recidivist offenders;
- persons imprisoned and sentenced for an offence committed while in detention;
- persons sentenced for the following offences:
 - capital murder;
 - corruption, indulgence (undue demand), favor, procuring favoritism, influence, interest in grant;
 - aggravated theft punishable with death;
 - undue influence and undue demand; counterfeit note and coin;
 - customs or tax fraud:
 - fraud in official and other examinations;
 - fraudulent export of currency;
 - illegal possession and trafficking of toxic wastes.
 - illegal possession and trafficking of nacrotics;
 - breaches against legislation on arms;
 - breaches against forestry legislation;
 - torture.

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COPIE CERTIFIEE CONFORME

The Minister of State, Minister of Justice and Keeper of the Seals is responsible for the implementation of this Decree which shall be published according to the procedure of urgency, and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.

Yaounde, the 18 FEV 2014

Paul BIYA

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC