

REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

PEACE – WORK – FATHERLAND

DECREE No 2020/689 **OF** 09 NOV 2020
to lay down the organization and functioning of the
Inter-Ministerial Committee on Local Services./-

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,

Mindful of the Constitution;

Mindful of Law N° 2019/24 of 24 December 2019 to institute the General Code of Regional and Local Authorities;

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;

Mindful of Decree N°2018/449 of 1 August 2018 to organize the Ministry of Decentralization and Local Development;

Mindful of Decree No 2020/616 of 03 NOV 2020 to lay down the organization and functioning of the National Decentralization Board,

HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1: This Decree lays down the organization and functioning of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Local Services, abbreviated as ICLS and "hereinafter referred to as the "Committee".

ARTICLE 2: The Committee shall be an inter-ministerial consultative organ under the authority of the Minister in charge of regional and local authorities. It shall be responsible for preparing and following up the transfer of authority and resources to Regional and Local Authorities.



In this capacity, it shall:

- draw up a programme for the transfer of authority and resources and prepare the draft instruments relating thereto;
- evaluate the human and material resources necessary for the exercise of transferred authority;
- evaluate the resultant cost of the transfer of authority and propose the terms and conditions of financing authority such transfers by the State;
- monitor implementation by Regional and Local Authorities of the authority transferred;
- prepare the annual report on the status of decentralization and the functioning of local services;
- conduct prospective studies and analysis in the field of decentralization;
- submit to any proposal or issue relating to decentralization to the National Decentralization Board.

CHAPTER II

ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE 3: (1) The Committee shall comprise the following :

Chairperson: The Minister in charge of regional and local authorities.

Members:

- 1 (one) representative of the Secretariat General of the Presidency of the Republic;
- 1 (one) representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
- the Permanent Secretary of the National Decentralization Board;
- representatives of Ministries concerned by the transfer of authority;
- 3 (three) representatives of Regions;
- 3 (three) representatives of City Councils;
- 4 (four) representatives of Councils;
- 2 (two) representatives of Civil Society.



(2) Members of the Committee shall be designated by the Ministries and Bodies to which they belong.

(3) Representatives of Ministries shall attend Committee sessions to which they are officially convened, taking into account the implication of their Ministries in an agenda item.

(4) Representatives of Regions, Councils and City Councils shall be designated by their peers. Those of civil society shall be designated by the Minister in charge of Regional and Local Authorities.

(5) Where a member loses the capacity by virtue of which he or she was designated to the Committee, the concerned shall cease to be a member thereof.

(6) The Chairperson may invite any person to take part in the Committee's deliberations by virtue of their expertise on the agenda items.

ARTICLE 4 : Membership of the Committee shall be established by Order of the Minister in charge of regional and local authorities.

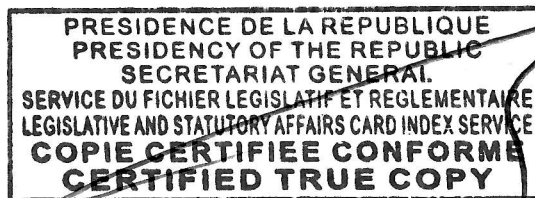
ARTICLE 5 : The Committee may set up ad hoc taskforces for deliberations or studies on specific issues.

CHAPTER III

FUNCTIONING

ARTICLE 6 : (1) The Committee shall meet in ordinary session at least once every quarter and in extraordinary session as and when necessary, when convened by its Chairperson

(2) Convening notices, accompanied by the agenda and documents to be submitted to the Committee for consideration, shall be sent to members in English and in French at least 7 (seven) days before the date of the Committee meeting.



(3) After each session, the Committee Chairperson shall forward a report to the Chairperson of the National Decentralization Board.

ARTICLE 7 : (1) For the discharge of its duties, the Committee shall have a Technical Secretariat.

(2) The Technical Secretariat shall be responsible for the following:

- receiving, registering and distributing the Committee's mail;
- dispatching correspondence from the Committee;
- preparation and practical organization of Committee meetings;
- providing secretarial services for Committee meetings;
- preparing Committee accounts and reports;
- formalizing files to be submitted for consideration by the Committee and the National Decentralization Board;
- monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the Committee's directives and recommendations;
- monitoring the collection of data and use of reports of Regional and Local Authorities on the implementation of authority transferred;
- preparing the draft annual report on the status of decentralization and the functioning of local services to be submitted for the Committee's approval;
- preparing the Committee's progress reports and action plan;
- preserving Committee documents and records;
- discharging any other tasks assigned to it by the Committee.

ARTICLE 8 : (1) The Technical Secretariat of the Committee shall be under the coordination of the official in charge of local services at the Ministry in charge of regional and local authorities.

(2) An Order of the Minister in charge of regional and local authorities shall lay down the terms and conditions of the organization and functioning of the Permanent Technical Secretariat.

ARTICLE 9 : The running budget of the Committee and of the Technical Secretariat shall be borne by the Common Decentralization Fund.

CHAPTER IV

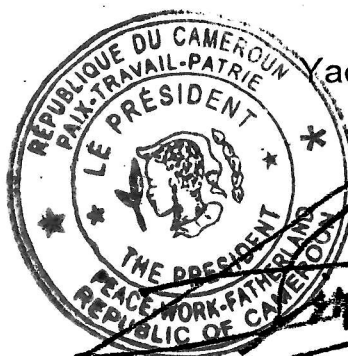
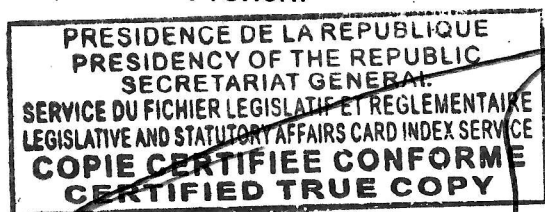
MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 10 : (1) The duties of Chairperson, member of the Committee and of the Permanent Technical Secretariat shall be honorary.

(2) However, the persons concerned and those invited in an advisory capacity shall receive session allowances in accordance with the regulations in force.

ARTICLE 11 : All the provisions of Decree No 2008/14 of 17 January 2008 to lay down the organization and functioning of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Local Services, are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 12 : This Decree shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency, and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.



Yaounde, 09 NOV 2020

PAUL BIYA

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC