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Written statement* submitted by the Cercle de Recherche sur les Droits et les Devoirs de la Personne Humaine, a non- governmental organization in special consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Hunger strike to protest against the silent role of the Swiss media regarding the deterioration of the situation in Cameroon

The Cercle de Recherche sur les Droits et les Devoirs de la Personne Humaine (CRED) has the honour to inform the human rights Council that Cameroonian nationals living in Switzerland contribute to the audiovisual fees and tax, which gives them the right to a fair treatment of the information regarding the situation in their country.

CRED remarks with regret that since the beginning of the Anglophone crisis and the massive fraud orchestrated during the presidential elections in Cameroon and the fiasco concerning the organization of the CAN 2019, the Swiss media do not report these critical situations with the great concerns they merit and some of them have simply kept silence.

The evidence of complicity or complacency of the Helvetic authorities and the media in particular vis-à-vis the Cameroonian authorities whose President has taken up residence in Switzerland is increasingly decried by Cameroonian public opinion despite a report of the RTS of 19.02.2018 and a brief overview on the results of the presidential elections of 22.10.2018.

Consequently, CRED instructs all members and sympathizers to observe a hunger strike every Sunday to protest against the silent role of the Swiss media regarding the deterioration of the situation in Cameroon. All members and sympathizers are invited to drink only water every Sunday in their respective place of residence or if necessary for those in critical health, they can have a light meal.

The Cercle de Recherche sur les Droits et les Devoirs de la Personne Humaine (CRED) uses this opportunity to wish all the best for the members State and delegations in 2019.

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