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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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Refugees human rights crisis in Cameroon

Since October 2016 to date, Ambazonia has been under siege by a coalition of marauding Cameroonian and Chadian forces.

Beginning from sept 2017 the government of Cameroon waged war on armless and defenceless children, women and men throughout Ambazonia deploying weapons of war such as antipersonnel weapons including helicopter gunships and heavy machines, leading to killing, maiming and displacement of Ambazonians both internally and across borders to Nigeria. Even in mist of all this, in December 2017 the Cameroon colonial Administrator issued orders giving Ambazonians 24hrs to desert their villages or get killed. Despite the Ambazonians issuing a red-alert to the UN on this action by Cameroon, the occupier followed through with their treats.

The UNHCR has just released its current report with approximately 21000 registered Ambazonian refugees, mainly women and children, in Nigeria.

The Nigerian authorities announced in December 2017 that the country had received over 40,000 refugees from Ambazonia. Amongst this was our President H.E. SisikuAyukTabe who was abducted in Nigeria alongside 11 of his Cabinet members and extradited to Cameroon including 39 other refugees. As we speak, he has not been given the opportunity to consult a lawyer or talk to his family. The actual number of refugees driven from their homes into Nigeria exceeds 100,000 as most of them remain undocumented.

Globally, more than 4 million Ambazonians have lived in forced or self-imposed exile for decades and continue to do so.

We, hereby, call on the United Nations and the African Union to prevail on the government of CameroOn and its allies, to immediately to immediately stop the carnage over Ambazonia, withdraw all their forces of occupation and civil administrators from Ambazonian Territory.

We also call on the United Nations Human Rights Council Member States to mandate a fact-finding mission to investigate the human rights, violations, abuses and atrocities is a priority at the moment

AIPC NGO(s) without consultative status, also share the views expressed in this statement.