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ALLIANCE FOR PEACE & JUSTICE TO PRESENT SOUTHERN CAMEROONS' CASE AT UN FORUM Speech to Call for Cessation of Hostilities and Referendum on the Future of the Southern Cameroons

Buea | London | Geneva: Sunday, November 24, 2024 – The Alliance for Peace & Justice (APJ) in the Former British Southern Cameroons today announced that it would be making a presentation at the United Nations (UN) Forum on Minority Issues holding in Geneva, Switzerland, from November 27-29, 2024. The coveted spot at this UN Forum was secured for the APJ by the International Communities Organisation (ICO), which has been helping leaders of the Former British Southern Cameroons in presenting their case to the international community.

Speaking on behalf of the people of the Former British Southern Cameroons, will be Professor Januarius Asongu, who is chair of the APJ Steering Committee, and has been a longtime advocate of peace, justice, and self-determination for the peoples of the Former British Southern Cameroons.

“The Alliance for Peace & Justice in the Former British Southern Cameroons is dedicated to ending the war over the territory of the Former British Southern Cameroons through a win-win approach to conflict resolution,” said Prof. Asongu. “My speech will highlight the message of the APJ Peace Plan Paper, which calls for a UN-backed peace mission to ensure cessation of hostilities between the Cameroon armed forces and the pro-independence forces of the Former British Southern Cameroons as well as the need to organize a referendum on the future of our territory.”

Apart from presenting a speech at the formal session, ICO and APJ are organizing a side event on Thursday, November 28, 2024. Over 20 UN member states are expected to attend this side event, where APJ will continue to flex its diplomatic muscle. The people of the Former British Southern Cameroons will be represented by a four-person team consisting of representatives of both the APJ and supported by the ICO.

About the APJ

The Alliance for Peace & Justice in the Former British Southern Cameroons, briefly referred to as the Alliance for Peace & Justice, or simply APJ, represents a collective of leaders from the Former British Southern Cameroons, united by a shared vision for peace, justice, and equitable governance. We understand the depth of suffering experienced by communities in the Former British Southern Cameroons, the injustices of marginalization, and the enduring aspirations for dignity, equality, and self-determination. We are working towards the cessation of hostilities between the pro-independence forces of the Former British Southern Cameroons and the Cameroon armed forces, and autonomy for the Former British Southern Cameroons and the organization of a referendum on the future of the Former British Southern Cameroons territory. For more information, contact the APJ Spokesperson at spokesperson@aforpeace.org or visit our website at www.aforpeace.org.

About the ICO

International Communities Organisation (ICO) is a London-based international organisation with UN consultative status and working for peace and reconciliation in divided conflict affected areas with a specific focus on minority rights. ICO is independent, neutral and dedicated to the protection of human rights and giving a voice to those who need it. Through the belief that communities can come together and achieve peace, based not on one group's views prevailing over another, but by constructing a shared vision for a better future. In order to achieve these goals, we know that they cannot be imposed from above and that only communities themselves can determine what peace looks like to them. For more information on the ICO, write to info@internationalcommunities.org or visit the website at www.internationalcommunities.org.