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PRESS STATEMENT ON AU COMMISSION'S HYPOCRISY AND COMPLICITY IN ENDORSING DICTATORSHIP IN CAMEROON AND ACROSS AFRICA

The Pan African Pyramid (PAP) expresses its deep disappointment and outright condemnation of the African Union Commission (AUC) following its recent statement congratulating H.E. Paul Biya on his so-called re-election as President of the Republic of Cameroon.

As a Pan-African movement committed to truth, justice, and the total liberation and self-determination of Africa, we find the AUC's congratulatory message both shameful and insulting to the collective conscience of the African people. It is an affront to the very principles upon which the African Union was founded—unity, integrity, democracy, and the protection of human dignity.

For decades, Cameroonians have groaned under the heavy weight of authoritarian rule, electoral fraud, and systematic repression. The recent electoral process, marred by intimidation, violence, arrests of opposition members, and blatant irregularities, cannot in any way be described as free, fair, or credible. Yet, as has become customary, the AU Commission rushed to rubber-stamp the results, effectively legitimizing oppression and silencing the voices of millions who yearn for change. But even under the above circumstances, it's very clear that H.E Paul Biya lost to opposition leader Isaa Tchiroma Bakary, and has used treachery means to cling unto power.

It is regrettable that the AU, an institution originally created to defend the will of the citizens, African sovereignty and counter neocolonial manipulation, has instead become a *ceremonial arm of the very powers it was meant to resist.* Time and again, we have witnessed the AUC issue hollow congratulations to despotic regimes while turning a blind eye to the cries of ordinary Africans being brutalized, detained, or killed for demanding justice and democracy.

When citizens rise to liberate themselves from failed systems, as seen in Madagascar, Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, and other parts of the Sahel, the AU's first instinct is not to engage and understand their grievances, but to punish, suspend, and isolate them, proving that it stands not with the people, but with those who exploit them. The AU never shows up when Africa bleeds; it only surfaces when the dust settles, eager to preside over post-crisis conferences and issue empty communiqués.

As the Speaker of the Pan African Pyramid, I want to categorically state that the AU Commission, under H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, has lost the moral authority to speak on behalf of the African people. Its silence in times of crisis and its endorsement of tyranny makes it complicit in the destruction of the very ideals of Pan-Africanism.

If the African Union cannot stand up to defend the sovereignty and dignity of African citizens—if it cannot speak truth to power when leaders go astray—then it has no moral justification to continue collecting taxpayers' money from African governments only to issue congratulatory statements written in the comfort of Addis Ababa offices, while innocent citizens lie dead in the streets.

The Pan African Pyramid calls upon the AU Commission to **either reclaim its founding vision and stand up to the challenge of African liberation, or respectfully dissolve itself.** Africa deserves a union of conscience, not of convenience; a leadership of integrity, not of hypocrisy.

It is time for the AU to stop being an observer of Africa's suffering and become a genuine champion of the people's will. Until then, the institution remains a hollow shadow of its promise—a rubber stamp for dictators, a shield for the corrupt, and a betrayal to the dreams of our forefathers. I thank you

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