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**COMMEMORATION OF THE 2021 EDITION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY.**

**DECLARATION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF CONAC,
Rév. Dr. Dieudonné MASSI GAMS**

Yaounde, December 9, 2021.

Cameroon joins the International Community today to celebrate the International Anti-Corruption Day. The theme set aside for this year's celebration is "Your Right, your role: Say No to Corruption".

It is a call for an all inclusive and participative fight against corruption.

We at the National Anti-Corruption Commission decided to focus on the role of media persons in the fight against corruption. The media which is society's watchdog; the link between the National Anti- Corruption Commission and the population:

Dear Press men and women, I would like to thank you all for your participation in this training workshop. I want to believe that you spent valuable time in our company and I hope that as you leave from here you will, more than before show much commitment in ensuring that corruption doesn't continue to thrive in our society.

2021 was another year of progress in the fight against corruption by CONAC, despite the continues and enormous challenge compounded by the Corona Virus Pandemic.

CONAC carried out its regular missions in sensitising the masses on corruption related issues through a series of campaign activities, verifications of allegations of corruption through investigations and Actions through. Rapid Interventions.

As you all know, the fight against corruption requires collective efforts and must be a daily battle for all citizens. Corruption affects all areas of society. Preventing corruption unlocks progress towards an emerging Cameroon and helps to improve on the living conditions of the population. It creates jobs, achieves gender equality and secures wider access to essential services such as health and education. To achieve this, policy makers, government bodies, the private sector, the civil society, youths, the Media, the academia and even the common man on the street must get involved. We all should be fully engaged in the fight.

In the course of 2021, Conac took the crusade against corruption to the parliament, academic institutions, along the streets, in churches and even to border localities of Cameroon. An epic meeting with members of parliament during a plenary in April was a turning point as it gave way for useful discussions and perspectives in the struggle against the Cankerworm.

From the resolutions taken at the end of the session, we hope that measures are underway to accelerate the putting in place of an anti-corruption law in our country and the full implementation of Article 66 of the 1966 Constitution which calls for the declaration of assets by senior State personnel.

In line with the National Integrity Education Programme enshrined in the National Strategy for the Fight against Corruption, CONAC carried out sensitisation and educative activities in schools and training institutions. Prominent amongst these was the launching of a Campaign dubbed **'If it is not yours, don't take'** in the town of Yoko on the 9th of February, 2021. The Campaign targets mostly school goers and is intended to instil integrity in them. We hope that with the implication of councils and the entire education family, our young ones will imbibe the virtues of honesty, respect, self-dignity, hardwork and As they grow up.

We equally organised meetings in all 10 regional Headquarters of the country to evaluate the level of the implementation of the Regional Action Plan against corruption. Though some reticence and resistance were noticed in some areas, CONAC gave firm recommendations and orientations which are currently being implemented.

We will continue with sector campaigns in 2022 notably the public sector, the private, the Cacao and Coffee sectors, Forest, Health, Education, and also with the Rapid Results Initiative Approach, which was halted with respect to Government barriers measures against COVID -19. We pray that the corona virus pandemic fully gets under control.

In 2022 we equally expect to take CONAC activities to councils and chieftaincies. By this we intend to make the fight against corruption mostly felt in the grassroots.

As mentioned earlier, corruption can effectively be tackled only if everyone at all levels of society is fully involved and the media being a strong relay for sensitisation and mobilisation, we are counting on you the media, society's watchdog.

We look forward to more fruitful collaboration so that we can attain a critical mass of individuals ready to say "**NO to Corruption**".

Thank you.