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Presentation on the situation of the Southern Cameroons and Cameroons Conflict.

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Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I was vice president of Trade Unions Confederation that brought together workers from different walks of life. Because of the Conflict between Southern Cameroons and La Republic du Cameroon, thousands of others including myself are currently refugees in Nigeria, homeless and jobless.

In 1946 Southern Cameroons became a United Nations Class B Trust Territory under United Kingdom as Administering Authority.

In 1954 Southern Cameroons achieved Self-Governing status with Dr. Emmanuel M. Endeley as first Premier.

In 1959 Southern Cameroons organized democratic elections for a third time and effected first peaceful and democratic transfer of power in sub-Saharan Africa.

After the ***Government party was defeated, the first Premier became Leader of Opposition in the House. This democratic feat remained unmatched in Africa until the end of the 20th century.*** That same year, the new Premier, John Ngu Foncha and the defeated Premier, Emmanuel M. L. Endeley traveled together to the UN Trusteeship Committee to put the case for the independence of Southern Cameroons.

In 1960: *The United Nations imposes the Two Alternatives on Southern Cameroons: “independence by joining” either La Republique du Cameroun or the Federal Republic of Nigeria.*

1961: *Southern Cameroons was federated with La Republique du Cameroun as autonomous state of West Cameroon.*

1972: *End La Republic du Cameroun ended the federation and imposed an annexation on Southern Cameroons’ territory as the 9th and 10th Provinces of La Republique Unie du Cameroun and a military occupation started.*

In 1984: *Annexation is completed with change of country’s name by Presidential Decree to revert to Republique du Cameroun, the name by which French Cameroon gained its independence from France on January 1, 1960.*

1985 saw the Emergence of Southern Cameroons Liberation Movements, with the response of LRC being arrests and detention of activists .

2016: *Lawyers and Teachers go to protest over government use of French in Southern Cameroons systems and replacing of Southern Cameroonians with francophone.*

2017: January, Leaders of the protesting lawyers and teachers are arrested and jailed by the regime in Yaounde.

October 2017: *Ambazonians Declare their Independence*

November 2017: *Paul Biya Declared war on Ambazonia; and Unleashes GENOCIDE on Ambazonia*

The reason for my escape from Cameroon is because after the conflict started, I became a target for arrest and assassination. As a Pan-African and global citizen, I challenged myself to stand with the people of Southern Cameroons Ambazonia, the people of Africa and the world to condemn all policies that are anti humane and working together with all others to ensure we have a world that is better and for the best interest of all humanity.

It is in the light of the above that I present to you at this first session of the UN with the people of African decent, the ongoing conflict and genocide against the people of Southern Cameroons Ambazonia, our African brothers and sisters.

The President of La Republique du Cameroun Mr. Paul Biya and his government continue to commit atrocities, genocide and crimes against humanity with impunity .

More than 50.000 people including women and children have been killed, villages burnt more than 500, people without any crimes illegally detained for speaking out more than 3000.

The AU, The UN and other institutions aimed at maintaining peace and ensuring the well being of humanity are not adequately taking actions to save lives of people.

Government controlled media and censorship is helping to drive the narratives of these geopolitics and anti humane policies.

I am hereby calling on members of the Perminent Forum on People of African decent, the good people of the world and institutions including the UN to look into resolving this current war in the Southern Cameroons Ambazonia by addressing the root cause to arrive at a lasting solution.

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