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## A DISTRESS CRY FROM THE BISHOPS OF CAMEROON

To all Cameroonians and to all men and women of good will!

"I have seen the afflictions of my people!" Exodus 3:7

We, the Bishops of Cameroon, united in one accord, are once again confronted by the socio-political crisis that prevails in the two Regions of the North-West and South-West of Cameroon.

In fact, since October 2016, the North-West and South-West Regions have been passing through difficult times, marked by inhuman, blind, monstrous violence and a radicalization of positions which leaves us worried.

We stand in solidarity and we are pain with all the victims of this violence, and we are praying for them.

In our previous messages, we already drew attention to this crisis, which jeopardizes the lives of people and property, and threatens security and social cohesion.

In the name of God the Almighty Father, we address this cry of distress to all Cameroonians: Let us put an end all forms of violence and stop killing one another! We are all brothers and sisters; let us retrace the path of dialogue, reconciliation, justice and peace.

We, the Bishops of Cameroon, think that mediation is now more urgent in order to come out of the crisis. Please, spare our country, Cameroon, from a useless and senseless civil war!

May the Spirit of Pentecost, which we are invoking this week, touch our hearts and lead us on the path of peace and unity.

Done at Yaoundé, 16 May, 2018

Bishops of Cameroon,

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