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STATEMENT FROM MONTHLY MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS AND RAPORTEURS OF WORKING GROUPS

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Dr Chemuta Divine BANDA, the Chairperson of the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms (NCHRF), presided the monthly meeting of Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the Working groups, at the head office, on 26 September 2018.

The participants expressed their deep concern over the increasing violence in the Northwest and Southwest Regions, perpetrated by armed rebel groups who are killing defence and security forces, kidnapping and murdering some authorities and many citizens.

The escalating violence is also accentuated by criminal activities of gangs that are looting and kidnapping for high ransom. They equally mentioned a number of exactions and summary executions committed in these regions by some persons in military outfit.

In the face of such human rights violations, the participants are calling on all rebels and other armed groups to demonstrate respect for human life and other rights put as stake such as the right to food, to health, to education, to development, to a safe environment and the right to peace etc.

The participants who started the meeting by indicating the early hours of the campaign for the presidential election to hold on 7 October 2018, hope for a peaceful and safe environment towards these exercises.

Accordingly, they call on the defence and security forces to continue to demonstrate professionalism and take appropriate measures to secure goods and citizens who should exercise their civic duties before, during and after the election.

The participants are calling on all stakeholders to work towards putting an end to the hostilities and set up a genuine platform for inclusive and profound dialogue.

With reference to the prevailing situation in the Far North Region, where *Boko Haram* is still carrying out attacks, the participants are pleased to note the resumption of socioeconomic activities. They for example noted that, many schools previously closed in the Far North Region have reopened.

The NCHRF is opened to receive any alleged human rights violations related to the electoral process through the following addresses: PO Box 20317 Yaounde, Tel: 222 226 117, email: cndhl@iccnet.cm and cndhlcndhl@yahoo.com.

Done in Yaounde, 03 OCT 2018



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