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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the United Nations Committee against Torture, I refer to the examination of the fifth periodic report of Cameroon (CAT/C/CMR/5) by this Committee, at its 62<sup>nd</sup> session, held from 6 November to 6 December 2017. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CAT/C/CMR/CO/5) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. In paragraph 49 of those concluding observations, the Committee requested, pursuant to its rules of procedure, that the State party provide, within one year, by 6 December 2018, further information regarding areas of particular concern identified by the Committee in paragraphs 12, 18, 20 and 40. It also invited the State party to provide information about its plans for implementing, within the coming reporting period, some or all of the remaining recommendations included in its concluding observations (see extracts annexed).

In addition, the Committee would appreciate receiving detailed information on the arrest of opposition leader Maurice Kamto, four of his staff supporters and more than 150 of his supporters in January 2019.

The Committee has adopted a follow-up procedure to pursue issues that are serious, that can be accomplished by the State party in a one year period, and that are protective (see, doc. CAT/C/55/3).

The information sought by the Committee has not been provided yet, although more than one year has elapsed from the transmittal of the Committee's concluding observations. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government's responses on the matters, and as to when the information requested will be forthcoming. A Word electronic version of the reply should be sent to

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H.E. Mr. Anatole Fabien Nkou Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cameroon to the United Nations Office at Geneva E-mail: mission.cameroun@bluewin.ch the Secretariat of the Committee against Torture (cat@ohchr.org). Upon receipt of this information, the Committee will be able to assess whether further action is needed.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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