

DECREE NO.: 2024/07858 /CAB/PM OF 31 DEC 2024

to reorganise the National Commission in charge of monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the national policy on text books and other didactic materials.

**THE PRIME MINISTER, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT,**

- Mindful of the Constitution;
- Mindful of Law No. 98/004 of 14 April 1998 on the orientation of education in Cameroon;
- Mindful of Law No. 2018/012 of 11 July 2018 on the financial regime of the State and other public entities;
- Mindful of Law No. 2021/024 of 16 December 2021 to organise and promote the book industry in Cameroon;
- Mindful of Decree No. 92/089 of 4 May 1992 to specify the powers of the Prime Minister, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 95/145-a of 4 August 1995;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2011/408 of 9 December 2011 to organise the Government, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2018/190 of 2 March 2018;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2012/267 of 11 June 2012 to organise the Ministry of Secondary Education;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2012/268 of 11 June 2012 to organise the Ministry of Basic Education;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2019/001 of 4 January 2019 to appoint a Prime Minister, Head of Government;
- Mindful of Decree No. 2017/11737/CAB/PM of 23 November 2017 on the establishment, organisation and functioning of the National Commission in charge of monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the national policy on text books and other didactic materials,

**HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:**

**CHAPTER I**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 1.-** This decree reorganises the National Commission in charge of monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the national policy on text books and other didactic materials, hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”.

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**ARTICLE 2.-** Placed under the authority of the Prime Minister, Head of Government, the Commission shall assist the Government in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the national policy for monitoring text books and other didactic materials.

Therefore, it shall:

- monitor and evaluate the implementation of the national policy on text books and other didactic materials throughout the country;
- ensure that the criteria for selecting, updating and distributing text books and other didactic materials are respected;
- monitor and evaluate operations, projects and programmes relating to text books and other didactic materials sector;
- ensure that text books and other didactic materials are accessible and available throughout the country;
- supervise the activities of the National Council for the Approval of Text books and Didactic Materials;
- monitor and evaluate the activities of the Education Reform Support Programme in Cameroon;
- propose any corrective measures for malfunctions encountered in the various segments of the text books and other didactic materials sector;
- carry out any other mission entrusted to it by the Prime Minister, Head of Government.

## CHAPTER II ORGANISATION AND FUNCTIONING

### SECTION I ORGANISATION

**ARTICLE 3.-** (1) The Commission shall be composed as follows:

**Chairperson:** The Secretary General of the Prime Minister's Office

**Members:**

- the Minister in charge of Basic Education;
- the Minister in charge of Secondary Education;
- the Minister in charge of Higher Education;
- the Minister in charge of Culture;
- the Minister in charge of Vocational Training;
- the Minister in charge of Social Affairs;

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- the Minister in charge of Regional and Local Authorities;
- the Minister in charge of Finance;
- the Minister in charge of the Economy;
- the Minister in charge of Transport;
- the Minister in charge of Trade.

(2) The Chairperson of the Commission may, if necessary, invite any private individual or corporate body with expertise in one of the items on the agenda to take part in the deliberations in an advisory capacity.

**ARTICLE 4.-** For the discharge of its duties, the Commission shall have a Permanent Secretariat responsible for:

- preparing Commission meetings;
- preparing reports on the work of the Commission;
- drawing up the Commission's draft action programmes and budget;
- ensuring the implementation of the Commission's Action Plan;
- producing the Commission's annual activity reports;
- keeping the registers in which the Commission's opinions and resolutions are recorded;
- carrying out any other task entrusted to it by the Chairperson of the Commission.

**ARTICLE 5.-** (1) The Permanent Secretariat shall be coordinated by a senior official of the Division in charge of Education at the Prime Minister's Office, and shall be composed as follows:

- two (02) representatives of the Prime Minister's Office;
- one (01) representative of the Ministry in charge of Basic Education;
- one (01) representative of the Ministry in charge of Secondary Education;
- one (01) representative of the Ministry in charge of Vocational Training;
- one (01) representative of the Ministry in charge of Culture;
- one (01) representative of the Ministry in charge of Social Affairs;
- one (01) representative of the Ministry in charge of Regional and Local Authorities;
- the Permanent Secretary of the National Council for the Approval of School Textbooks and Didactic Materials;
- the General Coordinator of the Management Unit of the Education Reform Support Programme in Cameroon;
- one (01) representative of the Association of Regions of Cameroon;
- one (01) representative of the association called United Councils and Cities of Cameroon;

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- two (02) representatives of the most representative teachers' unions, including one from the French-speaking sub-system and one from the English-speaking sub-system;
- two (02) representatives of the most representative Parent-Teacher Associations, including one from the French-speaking sub-system and one from the English-speaking sub-system;
- the National Secretaries of the denominational and secular private education organisations;
- one (01) representative of the confederation of publishers;
- one (01) representative of the booksellers' syndicate;
- one (01) representative of the organisation for the collective management of copyright in literature;
- one (01) representative of consumer associations;
- one (01) representative of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Crafts.

(2) for the discharge of its duty, the Permanent Secretary shall be assisted by two (2) Rapporteurs.

**ARTICLE 6.**- The Chairperson of the Commission may, if necessary, invite any private individual or corporate body with specialist knowledge to take part in the work of the Commission in an advisory capacity.

**ARTICLE 7.**- (1) The representatives of the Structures referred to in Article 5 above shall be appointed by the administrations and bodies to which they belong, for a term of three (03) years, renewable once (01).

(2) The composition of the Commission and the Permanent Secretariat shall be established by a decision of the Secretary General of the Prime Minister's Office.

## **SECTION II** **FUNCTIONING**

**ARTICLE 8.**- (1) The Commission shall meet at least twice (02) a year, and as required, when convened by the Chairperson.

(2) Notices of meeting, together with the draft agenda and working documents, shall be sent to members at least seven (07) days before the date of the meeting.

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(3) The Commission may not validly deliberate unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of its members are present.

(4) Commission decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

(5) At the end of each meeting, a detailed report shall be sent to the Prime Minister, Head of Government.

(6) The Chairperson of the Commission may set up thematic sub-groups to deal with specific issues.

**ARTICLE 9.-** (1) When a member of the Commission loses the capacity in which he was appointed, he shall cease to be a member and his loss of capacity shall be recorded ex officio by the Permanent Secretary.

(2) He shall be replaced under the same conditions as for his designation. The designated member shall complete the term of office of the member whose membership is lost.

(3) If a member is permanently unavailable, he shall be replaced under the same conditions as when he was appointed.

**ARTICLE 10.-** (1) The Permanent Secretariat shall meet at least once (01) every quarter and, if necessary, when convened by the Permanent Secretary.

(2) Notices of meeting, together with the draft agenda and working documents, shall be sent to members at least seven (07) days before the date of the meeting.

(3) The Permanent Secretariat may not validly deliberate unless at least two-thirds (2/3) of its members are present.

(4) Decisions of the Permanent Secretariat shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the Permanent Secretary shall have the casting vote.

(5) At the end of each meeting, a detailed report shall be sent to the Chairperson of the Commission.

(6) The Permanent Secretary may set up thematic sub-groups to deal with specific issues.

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**ARTICLE 11.-** (1) The Commission's resources shall consist of:

- government grants;
- support from the Education Reform Support Programme in Cameroon;
- support from development partners;
- any other assigned resources.

(2) The Chairperson of the Commission shall be the authorising officer for the budget. He may delegate this power to the Permanent Secretary.

(3) The Commission's resources shall be public funds. As such, they shall be managed in accordance with the laws and regulations governing public accounting.

**ARTICLE 12.-** (1) The duties of Chairperson, Member of the Commission, Permanent Secretary, Member and Rapporteur of the Permanent Secretariat shall be honorary.

(2) However, the persons concerned, as well as those invited in an advisory capacity, shall be entitled to session allowances and working facilities at the rates laid down by the regulations in force.

### **CHAPTER III** **MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE 13.-** (1) The Commission shall adopt an annual report reviewing and making recommendations on the state of implementation of the national policy on text books and other didactic materials in Cameroon.

(2) The report referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be sent to the Prime Minister, Head of Government.

**ARTICLE 14.-** (1) The Commission may request audits of the school manual and other didactic materials sector.

(2) The audits referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be paid for, depending on the case, by the State budget, the National Council for the Approval of Text books and Didactic Materials or the Education Reform Support Programme in Cameroon.

**ARTICLE 15.-** All previous provisions repugnant hereto are hereby repealed, in particular those of Decree No. 2017/11737/CAB/PM of 23 November 2017 on the establishment, organisation and functioning of the National Commission in charge of monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the national policy on text books and other didactic materials.

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**ARTICLE 16.-** This decree shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency, and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French. /-

Yaounde, the 31 DEC 2024

**THE PRIME MINISTER,  
HEAD OF GOVERNMENT,**



**Joseph DION NGUTE**

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