

FOUNDATIONAL CLARITY DOCTRINE

From Conversation to Shared Understanding

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This doctrine sets out the foundational principles required to move from opinion-driven discourse to shared, verifiable understanding — establishing a common reference point for all discussions concerning the legal and political status of Southern Cameroons.

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SECTION 1

What system produces endless discussions without resolution?

It is a system where people are committed, passionate, and informed in different ways, but do not begin from a shared foundation of understanding.

In such a system:

- People speak with conviction
- But listen with different assumptions
- And reach different conclusions

This is not a failure of intelligence.

It is a failure of alignment.

SECTION 2

Why Conversations Keep Repeating

Many of our discussions go in circles because we are not always addressing the same problem.

- Some speak from history
- Some speak from lived experience
- Some speak from legal interpretation
- Some speak from aspiration

All of these are valid contributions. But without a shared reference point, they do not converge.

So we find ourselves:

- Talking more
- Explaining more
- Debating more

But understanding less.

SECTION 3

The Principle of Shared Definition

A people cannot solve a problem they do not clearly understand.

And they cannot work as a team if they do not agree on what the problem is.

Before strategy, before ideology, before action — there must be clarity.

SECTION 4

The Foundational Questions

To move from opinion to understanding, every serious discussion must be anchored in a few simple, verifiable questions:

We were a Trust Territory under the United Nations.

1. What legal process placed Southern Cameroons into its current relationship?
 2. What safeguards ensured that this process met international legal standards of validity and consent?
 3. Where is this process documented so it can be clearly verified?
 4. If rights arising from this relationship are violated today, what legal instrument can be invoked internationally?
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***"Clarity is the ability to state the truth simply,
and then support it if necessary."***

— Foundational Clarity Doctrine, Section 5

SECTION 5

The Standard of Clarity

If these questions cannot be answered clearly and simply, even in one or two sentences, then we may not yet fully understand the issue we are discussing.

Clarity is not complexity.

Clarity is the ability to state the truth simply, and then support it if necessary.

Long explanations are valuable, but they must rest on clear foundations.

SECTION 6

From Talking to Understanding

Today, there are many voices and many messages. People are speaking, but often not from the same frame of reference.

This creates the feeling of progress, without the reality of alignment.

We must therefore make a conscious shift:

- From opinion to clarity
 - From repetition to verification
 - From parallel conversations to shared understanding
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SECTION 7

The Discipline of a Serious People

A serious people does not fear questions. A serious people builds on what can be explained, verified, and sustained.

This is not about dismissing any position. It is about strengthening all positions through clarity.

Because only what is clearly understood can be clearly defended and effectively advanced.

SECTION 8

Closing Reflection

We have to stop talking *at* each other and start talking *with* each other.

And it begins with answering these foundational questions.

Because we cannot solve a problem we do not clearly understand. And we cannot work as a team if we are not aligned on what the problem is.

Until we define the problem together, we will continue to move in different directions while believing we are on the same path.

SECTION 9

Final Thought

Until we can answer these questions clearly and verifiably, we are not solving a problem.

We are managing confusion.

***We pray like everything depends on God.
But we work like everything depends on us.***

God bless you.

And God bless Southern Cameroons.

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