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Ambassador Kelly Craft
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Dear Ambassador Craft:

I write to express my deep concern regarding the ongoing armed conflict in Cameroon, which has resulted in the deaths of more than 3,000 people, the internal displacement of almost 800,000 and over 35,000 Cameroonians seeking asylum in Nigeria.

Approximately 4.3 million people in Cameroon are now in need of humanitarian assistance and over 600,000 children have been denied access to education for the past three years. Additionally, humanitarian organizations are experiencing difficulties in accessing conflict-affected populations and the Government of Cameroon refuses to provide access to international human rights organizations seeking to identify the perpetrators of atrocity crimes.


As a response to this horrendous situation, I urge you to lead an effort at the United Nations to pass a resolution calling for an end to the violence in Cameroon and the establishment of an independent international fact-finding mission. Such a mission could help determine the facts and circumstances of the gross international human rights violations being committed by the country's military, security forces and armed separatists and, hopefully, bring an end to the overall impunity with which these crimes and atrocities are being committed.

Peace, justice and the protection of minority rights in Cameroon will enhance stability for the country and the Central Africa subregion; it will also serve vital interests of the United States in our bilateral and multilateral relations with African countries.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I hope we can work together to send a strong signal to the Government of Cameroon and armed groups perpetrating violence that the international community will not turn a blind eye to gross violations of human rights.

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Sincerely,



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CC: The Honorable Mike Pompeo
Secretary of State