

REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON
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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
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1. At the invitation of H.E Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon, H.E François Bozize, President of the Central African Republic, accompanied by his wife, undertook an official visit to Cameroon from 7 to 8 December 2009.
2. During their discussions in the course of this visit, the two Heads of State widely reviewed matters of common interest and topical issues.
3. They welcomed the fact that they shared the same views and that both countries and peoples entertained excellent ties of friendship and solidarity.
4. The President of the Central African Republic hailed the multifaceted support and participation of Cameroon in the stabilization of his country, as well as the recent appointment of Brigadier General Hector Marie Tchemo at the head of the Central African Multinational Force (FOMAC) on 10 August 2009.
5. The President of the Republic of Cameroon and the President of the Central African Republic welcomed the actions carried out to enhance the free movement of persons and goods between Cameroon and the Central African Republic. Reaffirming their resolve to institute the biometric passport, known as the CEMAC passport, as soon as possible, they recommended the stringent implementation of community instruments in order to achieve sub-regional integration that their peoples are longing for.
6. On border cooperation, both Heads of State reaffirmed their determination to pursue the delimitation and demarcation of their common land borders, in accordance with the territorial integrity of each party, international law and the relevant sub-regional conventions.

7. Addressing cross-border insecurity, aggravated notably by the issue of high way rubbers, the movement of heavy and light weapons, abduction against ransom and the stealing of cattle, the two Heads of State agreed to step up and intensify the actions carried out at various levels, including the Tripartite Initiative on Cross-border Insecurity that brings together Cameroon, Central African Republic and Chad, as well as the Central African Police Chiefs Committee whose 10th session was organized in Cameroon recently.
8. Concerning land transport that is crucial to providing the Central African Republic an outlet to the sea, both Heads of State agreed to strengthen measures taken on both sides to ease the carriage and transfer of goods to Central African Republic through the Douala-Bangui corridor, in view of a smooth transportation of the said goods. In addition, the need for the commissioning of the CEMAC pink card was underlined, as well as the revival of the work of the Joint Permanent Technical Committee on Transport.
9. President Paul Biya commended the several actions by President François Bozize within the framework of the revolving presidency of CEMAC, in particular, the forecasted creation of a vocational training centre for qualified cadres in the mining sector.
10. The two Heads of State welcomed the recent deliberations of the 14th ECCAS extraordinary Summit in Kinshassa on 23 October 2009 and the appointment of Cameroon at the helm of the steering committee for the reform of sub-regional institutions. This appointment will enable Cameroon to contribute to the achievement of sub-regional objectives regarding peace, integration, the free movement of persons and goods and the economic development of the sub-region.
11. Finally, the President of the Republic of Cameroon and the President of the Central African Republic reaffirmed their will to further strengthen peace and stability in the central African sub-region and deepen discussions on some pending files during the forthcoming CEMAC Summit in Bangui.
12. The President of the Central African Republic, H.E Mr. François Bozize, invited the President of the Republic of Cameroon, H.E Mr. Paul Biya, to

undertake an official visit to the Central African Republic. The modalities of this visit will be fixed through the diplomatic channel.

13. The President of the Central African Republic, on behalf of the Government and people of the Central African Republic, expressed every appreciation to the President of the Republic, the Government and people of Cameroon for the very warm and brotherly welcome and hospitality to him and his delegation.

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