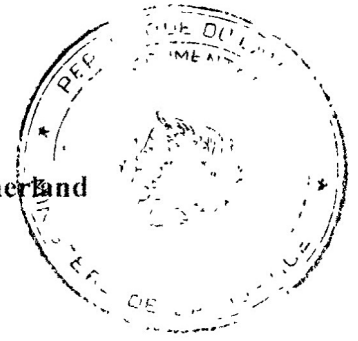


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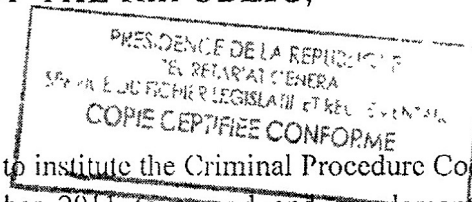
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DECREE N° 2013/131 OF 03 MAI 2013
Establishment, organisation, functioning of the Specialized Corps of
Judicial Police Officers of the Special Criminal Court.-

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,

- Mindful of** the Constitution;
- Mindful of** Law n° 2005/07 of 27 July 2005 to institute the Criminal Procedure Code;
- Mindful of** Law n° 2011/27 of 14 December 2011 to amend and supplement certain provisions of Law n° 2006/15 of 29 December 2006 to organize the Judiciary;
- Mindful of** Law n° 2011/28 of 14 December 2011 to set up a Special Criminal Court;
- Mindful of** Decree n° 2001/181 of 25 July 2001 to organize the National Gendarmerie;
- Mindful of** Decree n° 2011/412 of 09 December 2011 to organize the Presidency of the Republic of Cameroon;
- Mindful of** Decree n° 2012/223 of 15 May 2012 relating to the administrative set-up of the Special Criminal Court;
- Mindful of** Decree n° 2012/540 du 19 November 2012 to organize the General Delegation for National Security,



HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I:

ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING

Article 1: A specialized Corps of Judicial Police Officers of the Special Criminal Court, herein under referred to as the “Corps”, is hereby established.

Article 2: Based at the Headquarters of the Special Criminal Court, the corps shall have countrywide jurisdiction.

Article 3: Under the supervision and control of the Procureur general of the Special Criminal Court, the Corps shall be responsible for:

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- Conducting investigations concerning the embezzlement of public funds and related offences where the loss amounts to at least 50 000 000 (fifty million) CFA francs.
- Executing Court warrants and rogatory commissions falling within the jurisdiction of the Special Criminal Court.

Article 4: (1) on the instructions of the Procureur General of the Special Criminal Court, the Corps shall conduct investigations in accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code.

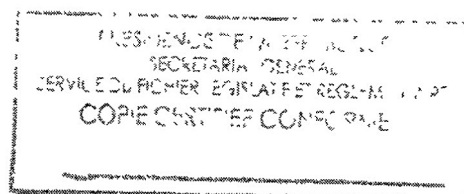
(2) The investigation reports shall be forwarded to the Procureur General of the Special Criminal Court.

(3) To perform their duties, Judicial Police Officers may require the assistance of experts.

Article 5: Any offer to restitute the *corpus delicti* in cash or in kind in the course of the preliminary investigation shall be recorded in the report forwarded to the Procureur General of the Special Criminal Court.

Article 6: The Corps shall comprise:

- An investigations Division,
- Administrative Services.



Article 7: (1) The Investigations Division shall be composed of:

- a Division Head;
- a Deputy Division Head;
- Research Officers.

(2) Under the supervision and control of the Procureur General of the Special Criminal Court, the Division head shall be responsible for:

- conducting investigations;
- coordinating the various activities of the Corps;
- seeing the training and the retraining of Corps Personnel.

(3) The Deputy Division Head shall assist the Division head in the performance of his duties.

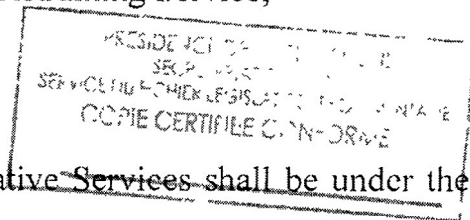
(4) Research Officers shall be responsible for conducting investigations for cases assigned them by the Division Head.

(5) The personnel referred to in Article 7(1) above shall also carry out all duties assigned to them by the Procureur General of the Special Criminal Court.

(6) A separate instrument shall lay down the organization and functioning of the Division.

Article 8: (1) The Administrative Services of the Corps shall be:

- the General Affairs Service,
- the Personnel, Training and Retraining Service,
- the Records Service;
- the Seals Service.



(2) Heads of Administrative ~~Services~~ shall be under the authority of the Division Head.

(3) A separate instrument shall lay down the organization and functioning of Administrative Services.

(4) The Division Head, the Deputy Division Head and the Research Officers shall rank respectively as Central Administration Director, Central Administration Deputy Director and Sub-Director.

Article 9: (1) The Division Head and Deputy Division Head shall be appointed by Decree of the President of the Republic.

(2) The Research Officers shall be appointed by order of the President of the Republic.

(3) Heads of Administrative Services shall be appointed by order of the Minister in charge of Justice, after the approval of the Presidency of the Republic.

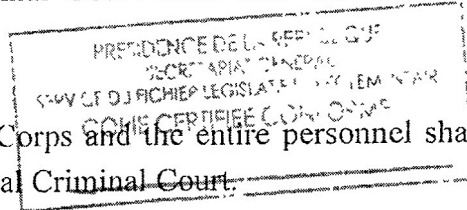
CHAPTER II:**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

ARTICLE 10. Corps personnel seconded to the Special Criminal Court in accordance with Article 7 of this decree shall be selected by their respective Heads from amongst:

- (a) judicial police officers and judicial police agents of the National Security and the National Gendarmerie referred to in Sections 78 (1), 79 (a), (c), (d) and 81 of the Criminal Procedure Code;
- (b) public servants and other public employees who have been assigned judicial police duties.

ARTICLE 11. Prior to assuming duty, personnel of the Corps who are not judicial police officers of the Special Criminal Court shall take the oath before the said Court.

ARTICLE 12. (1) Members of the Corps and the entire personnel shall be assessed by the Procureur General of the Special Criminal Court.



(2) Throughout the exercise of their duties and for a period of 10 years following cessation of such duties, Corps personnel and the entire personnel shall be bound to confidentiality and professional secrecy.

(3) In the event of any professional misconduct, violation of the provisions of Paragraph (2) above or non-compliance with deadlines for processing files, as provided for in Section 7(4) of Law No. 2011/28 of 14 December 2011 to institute a Special Criminal Court, the offender shall be taken off the case and/or returned to his/her corps of origin, without prejudice to disciplinary and/or criminal proceedings.

ARTICLE 13. (1) Throughout the exercise of their duties, members of the Corps and the entire personnel shall maintain their incremental positions and overall benefits attached to their respective corps of origin.

(2) A separate instrument shall fix the special benefits granted to members of the Corps and the entire personnel, taking into account their rank and their respective corps of origin.

Article 14: The recurrent expenditure of the Corps shall be charged to the budget of the Ministry of Justice.

CHAPTER III:

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 15: Case files currently under preliminary investigation by national security and the National Gendarmerie services and falling within the jurisdiction of the Special Criminal Court shall be forwarded as is to the Procureur General of the Special Criminal Court.

Article 16: This Decree shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency and inscribed in the Official Gazette in English and French.-

Yaoundé, the 03 MAI 2013

Paul BIYA

