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**THE NINTH SESSION OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR  
MEDICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL AND ODONTOSTOMATOLOGICAL  
TRAINING OF CAMEROON (CNFMP)**

**PRESS RELEASE**

On Tuesday May 25, 2021, from 10 a.m., via videoconference, the 9<sup>th</sup> session of the National Commission for Medical, Pharmaceutical and Odontostomatological Training of Cameroon (CNFMP) was held under the Chairperson of the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, Chancellor of Academic Orders.

In attendance at this meeting were: the representative of the Minister of Public Health (Vice-President of the aforementioned Commission), the Rector of the University of Yaoundé I, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buéa, representatives of partner administrations, representatives of national orders of health professionals and Deans of public and private medical training faculties.

In his opening remark, the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, after wishing warm welcome to the Commissioners, invited them to observe a minute of silence in memory of all doctors and other health professionals, who lost their lives in the line of duty, to save their contemporaries.

The President of the Commission continued his remarks by reminding the audience that the first batch of doctors, pharmacists and odontostomatologists resulting from the reform in the medical training sector in 2013, graduated during the 2019-2020 academic year. He took this opportunity to convey to all the members of the Commission the sincere congratulations of the Highest Authorities of the Republic, foremost among them the Head of State, H.E. Paul BIYA, and Chief Dr Joseph DION NGUTE, Prime Minister, Head of Government, for the immense work accomplished.

The Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education closed his remarks by inviting trainers in this sensitive sector not only to pool their efforts together and to federate their intelligence, but also to take adequate measures in order to streamline the links between training and research structures, hospitals, clinics and pharmacies.

After adopting the report of the 8<sup>th</sup> session, the results of the national examinations organized in September and October 2020, and following frank and constructive exchanges, members of the Commission agreed upon the following resolutions:

1. With a view to aligning medical training with the standards of the BMP system, the Commission decided to set up a Technical Committee, co-chaired by the Rector of the

University of Yaoundé I and the Representative of the Minister of Public Health, in order to speed up reflection on the academic status to be conferred on physicians, specialists who supervise students in hospital training. The said Committee will have as members, the representatives of the national orders of health professionals (Doctors, Pharmacists and Dentists) and heads of authorized medical training establishments.

2. The Commission gave a mandate to the ad-hoc committee, which assessed medical training establishments in 2012, to carry out an endogenous qualitative assessment of medical training since the reform. In addition, this commission was given the task of making concrete proposals towards an international assessment that would align Cameroon's medical training establishments with international standards in respect of quality assurance.
3. The Commission asks the officials of the competent services of the Ministry of Higher Education to proactively, meticulously and assiduously monitor Cameroon's contributions to international organizations in general and to the African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education (CAMES) in particular.
4. Considering the needs for specialist physicians expressed by the Ministry of Public Health, the Commission decided to open positions for specialists in Gynecology and Obstetrics at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Buea on behalf of the 2021-2022 academic year.
5. The Commission further set up an ad hoc Committee, chaired by the Head of the Legal Affairs Division of the Ministry of Higher Education, responsible for carrying out discussions with a view to updating the texts on the organization of the third cycle of medical studies in medical schools in Cameroon.
6. The commissioners lastly validated the calendar of the national medical training exams for the 2021 session as well as the distribution of open places for the national medical, pharmaceutical and odontostomatological aptitude examination.



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