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On Tuesday, May 24, 2022, the 10th session of the National Commission for Medical, Pharmaceutical and Odontostomatological Training of Cameroon (CNFMP) took place, presided over by the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education. Created by Order N°. 055/PM of June 10, 2013 of the Prime Minister, Head of Government, this Commission is essentially responsible for issuing technical opinions on the quality of training for health professionals in Public and Private Universities in Cameroon, in order to consolidate the academic, technological and professional quality of medical Higher Education training institutions.

The following took part in this working session: the Secretary General of the Ministry of Public Health, Representative of the Head of this ministerial department, Vice-President of the Commission, the Representative of the Rector of the University of Yaoundé I, the Representative of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buea, Representatives of partner administrations, Deans of Faculties of Medicine and approved Private Institutes of Medical Training, Presidents of National Orders of Health Professionals (Doctors, Pharmacists and Dental Surgeons).

After adopting the report of the 9th session, which took place on May 25, 2021 by videoconference, and the results of the national examinations of the 2021 session, the following recommendations and resolutions, resulting from the fruitful debates on the points included in the agenda, were adopted:

Resolution N°1: Given the efforts made by the Government of the Republic in the construction and equipment of Regional Hospital Centers and considering the need to optimize the clinical training of students, 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 accelerate reflections on the academic status to be conferred to medical specialists who supervise students in hospital training Centers. The said Committee will have as members, Heads of authorized medical training establishments and representatives of the National Orders of Health Professionals (Doctors, Pharmacists and Dental surgeons).

Resolution N°2: The Commission mandates the ad-hoc commission which assessed medical training establishments in 2012 to carry out an endogenous qualitative assessment of medical training since the reform. The said commission was also empowered to make concrete proposals in view of an

international evaluation to make it possible to align medical training establishments of Cameroon with international standards, in terms of quality assurance.

Resolution N°3: The Commission asks the President of the National Commission for the Evaluation of Training Domains offered Abroad of the Ministry of Higher Education to associate, as special invitees, Health Professional Orders in its work, in order to ensure the reliability of diplomas obtained in foreign University Institutions in the fields of medicine, pharmacy and odontostomatology.

Resolution N°4: The Commission decides that the determination of the number of places to be opened in specialization and internship cycles will be made after the expression of needs by the Ministry of Public Health and the validation of the reception and supervision capacity of the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences of the University of Yaoundé I.

Resolution N°5: The Commission decides to waive two years of active service as a condition of eligibility as of the 2022/2023 academic year, in accordance with Decree No. 87/064 of January 19, 1987.

Resolution N°6: In order to allow health professionals to take into account, in an optimal way, the pathologies from which the populations of Cameroon and elsewhere suffer, the commissioners agree to the integration of the orphan sectors of specialization of pharmacists and dental surgeons in medical training institutions.

<u>Resolution N°7</u>: In order to enable Health professionals to respond effectively to the legitimate aspirations of populations for better medical care, the Commission decided to set up a continuous training system for capacity building through the setting up of Teaching Hospitals (simulation centres).

Resolution N°8: With a view to enabling Universities to effectively carry out their statutory mission of supporting development or outreach activities, commissioners unanimously agree to the establishment of regulatory and technical mechanisms, with a view to ensuring a balance between the research problems (thesis topics) and priority Health issues.

<u>Resolution N°9</u>: To deal with cases of clubbed foot (congenital malformation) in Cameroon, the Commission decides on the integration and generalization of the PONSETI method in the training curricula of doctors in Medical Training establishments.

Resolution N°10: The Commission recommends restoring the status of interns by means of a better codification of the positions to be filled, giving them pre-eminence in recruitments within Higher Education Institutions and providing them with financial support.

Resolution N°11: The commissioners validate the calendar of national examinations for the 2022 session, as well as the distribution of places open for national competitive examinations for medical, pharmaceutical and odontostomatological training.

At the end of the working session, the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, President of the Commission, thanked all the participants for the friendly atmosphere and the spirit of scientific rigour, which prevailed throughout the meeting. The session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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