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The Secretary General of the Ministry of Higher Education chaired on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 on behalf of the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, Chancellor of Academic Orders, the second session of the ad-hoc Technical Commission in charge of operations relating to the issuance of certificates under the authority of the Ministry of Higher Education, in the Conference Room of the Higher Teacher Training College of the University of Yaounde I.

In attendance to this meeting were representatives of the eight State Universities and the Public Higher Education Establishments with a Special Status and placed under the academic supervision of the Ministry of Higher education, the statutory members, experts, Guests and Private Higher Education Institutes.

After the opening address by the Secretary General, representative of the Minister of State, and the action framework by the Director for the Coordination of Academic Activities, two main articulations structured the meeting, including interventions relating to the presentation of an inventory of the award of certificates by the supervisors of the three sub-working groups and communication from three experts on the following themes:

1. "Procedure for the authentication of certificates in the educational sub-sector of Higher Education: issues, challenges and prospects";
2. "Issues and methods of collecting, digitizing and securing data related to university graduation (lists of laureates, PVs, etc.)";
3. "Methods and instruments of scientific preservation and archiving documents related to certificates issuance".

As a result of these rich, fruitful and promising discussions, members of the aforementioned Commission adopted the following recommendations:

R1: the ad-hoc Technical Commission recommends to all State Universities as well as to Establishments with a Special Status under the academic supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, to engage in the process of systematic issuance of certificates to their laureates, in accordance with the Highest Directives of **H.E. Paul BIYA, President of the Republic, Head of State.**

R2: the Ad Hoc Technical Commission recommends that all State Universities, as well as all Public Institutions of Higher Education under the academic supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, implement and migrate to the third generation technology which governs today's digital society.

R 3: the Ad Hoc Technical Commission recommends that all State Universities, as well as all Public Institutions of Higher Education under the academic supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, update the administrative positions of authentication and the focal points involved, and transmit the related information to the Ministry of Higher Education.

R4: the Ad Hoc Technical Commission recommends that the Ministry of Higher Education be the central regulator of the authentication platform of the Higher Education sub-sector. This means that all data related to graduation must systematically converge on it.

R5: the Ad Hoc Technical Commission recommends that all State Universities, as well as Public Institutions of Higher Education under the academic supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, digitize and make available online through a secure codification the results of their laureates, by year, cycle and option.

R6: the Ad Hoc Technical Commission recommends that all State Universities, as well as Public Institutions of Higher Education under the academic supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, systematically proceed to the official proclamation of the results at the end of each academic year, and dedicate one special day to the graduation ceremony for the laureates, subject to scrupulous compliance with Government measures against the Covid-19 pandemic.

R7: the Ad Hoc Technical Commission recommends that State Universities and Public Institutions of Higher Education under the academic supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education take actions to solve problems related to the graduation of their laureates from previous years.

R8: the Ad Hoc Technical Commission recommends that State Universities, as well as Public Institutions of Higher Education under the academic supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, scrupulously respect, and reduce the retention periods for documents.

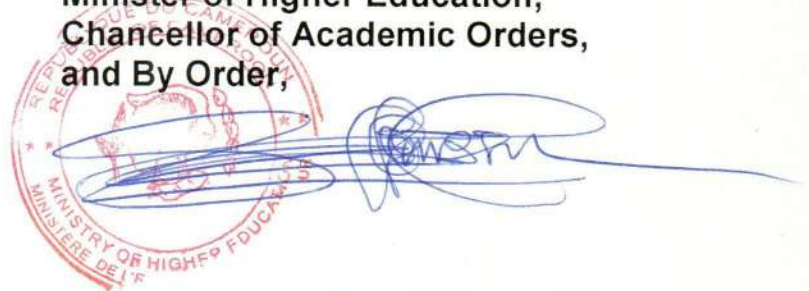
R9: the Ad Hoc Technical Commission recommends to State Universities, as well as to Public Institutions of Higher Education under the academic supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, the construction, acquisition or development of premises solely dedicated to the archiving and conservation of physical documents related to graduation.

R10: the Ad Hoc Technical Commission recommends that the Ministry of Higher Education relocate the Sub-Department of Archives and Documentation to the buildings of the Administrative Garage, which are already occupied by some Ministries, in order to solve the problems of storage of documents that it faces.

Furthermore, statutory members of the Ad Hoc Technical Commission expressed their thanks to the Government of the Republic, through the Ministry of Higher Education, and **welcomed the measures taken in favor of the ongoing digitalization process in the Cameroonian Higher Education system.**

At the end of the working session, Mr. Technical Advisor No. 1 of the Ministry of Higher Education, in place of Mr. Secretary General, representative of the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, Chancellor of Academic Orders, congratulated members of the said Commission as well as invitees for their dynamism and for the quality of their unifying proposals, which shall no doubt contribute to set up a platform for reflection and dissemination of information related to the award of certificates, and on which verifiable outcomes will participate in the implementation of the New University Governance policy prescribed by **H.E. Paul BIYA, President of the Republic, Head of State, and whose implementation is directed by the Prime Minister, Head of Government.**

**For the Minister of State,
Minister of Higher Education,
Chancellor of Academic Orders,
and By Order;**



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