

DECREE NO. 2001/718/PM OF 3 SEPTEMBER 2001 RELATING TO THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

THE PRIME MINISTER, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT,

Mindful of the Constitution;

Mindful of Law No.96/3 of 4 January 1996 on the Framework Law on Management of the Environment;

Mindful of Law No. 96/12 of 5 August 1996 on the Framework Law on Environmental Management;

Mindful of Decree No. 92/89 of 4 May 1992 to specify the duties of the Prime Minister, as amended and supplemented by Decree No.95/145-bis of 4 August 1995;

Mindful of Decree No.97/345 of 21 December 1997 to organize the Government;

Mindful of Decree No.97/345 of 21 December 1997 to appoint a Prime Minister, Head of Government,

Mindful of Decree No.97/345 of 21 December 1997 to organize the Ministry of Environment and Forest as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 99/196 of 10 September 1999,

HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

Chapter I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1:

This decree relates to the organization and function of the Interministerial Committee on the Environment herein after “The Committee”.

Article 2:

(1) The Committee shall assist Government in its duties to draw up, coordinate, execute and control national policies on the environment and sustainable development.

To this end it shall:

- ensure the respect and taking into consideration of environmental considerations especially the implementation of economic, energy and land plans and programmes;
- approve the bi-annual report on the environment drawn up by the Ministry in charge of Environment;
- coordinate and direct the updating of the National Environment Management Plan;
- give its opinion on environmental impact assessment; and

- assist Government in preventing and managing urgent or crisis situations that could constitute serious threats to the environment or result in its degradation.

(2) The Committee shall give its opinion or assess and other issue relating to the duties referred to (1) above referred to it b the Minister in charge of Environment.

Chapter II

ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING

Section I

ORGANIZATION

Article 3 :

(1) The Committee shall be under the Minister in charge of Environment.

(2) It shall be composed of:

Chairperson: an official appointed by the Minister in charge of Environment.

Members:

- a representative of the Minister in charge of Environment;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Territorial Administration;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Agriculture;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Industrial and Commercial Development;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Livestock, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Regional Development;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Mines, Water and Energy;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Scientific and Technical Research;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Tourism;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Public Works;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Transport;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Town Planning and Housing;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Health;
- a representative of the Minister in charge of Urban Affairs; and
- a representative of the Minister in charge of the Minister of Defence.

(3) The Chairperson may invite an expert, based on the items on the agenda, to participate in the deliberations of the Committee without the right to vote.

(4) The Committee may set up sub-committees in its midst, when need be, on issues and specified areas relating to its sphere of influence.

(5) The Permanent Secretariat of the Environment shall be the Secretariat of the Committee.

Article 4:

(1) Members of the Committee shall be appointed by their respective ministries.

(2) The composition of the Committee shall be determined by order of the Minister in charge of Environment.

Section II

FUNCTIONING

Article 5 :

The Committee shall be convened, when need be, and at least once each quarter by the Chairperson.

Article 6:

The summons shall indicate the date, hour, agenda and venue of the meeting.

They shall include working documents and shall be sent at least seven (7) days before the date of the meeting.

Article 7:

- (1) The Committee may validly conduct its business only in the presence of two thirds (2/3) at least of its members.
- (2) However, where after the first summons the quorum provided for in subsection (1) above is not attained, the Chairperson shall convene members of the Committee within a maximum time limit of seven (7) days.

In such case, the Committee shall conduct its business without fulfilling the condition of quorum.

Article 8:

The opinion and resolutions of the Committee shall be adopted by a majority of two thirds (2/3) of members present.

Article 9:

The Committee shall be assisted by its Secretariat in carrying out its duties.

To this end, it shall especially be in charge of:

- proposing the agenda and preparing files to be reviewed by the Committee;
- drawing up the minutes of meetings and the Committee's progress report;
- keeping registers containing the Committee's views and resolutions; and
- ensuring the constitution and conservation of the Committee's archives.

Article 11:

- (1) The duties of Chairperson and member of the Committee shall be free of charge.
- (2) However, the Chairperson and members of the Committee as well as consultants shall be entitled to a sitting allowance whose amount shall be fixed by order of the Minister in charge of Environment.

Article 12:

The Committee's recurrent expenses shall be borne by the budget of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, and resources of the National Environment and Sustainable Development Fund.

Article 13:

The Minister in charge of Environment shall be responsible for the execution of this decree that shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency then inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French..

Yaounde, 3 September 2001

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Chapter III

MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 10 :

- (1) The Committee shall adopt a quarterly report on the execution of its duties, a yearly evaluation report on the situation of the environment and measures to improve and reinforce policies relating to the environment and sustainable development.
- (2) The reports referred to in subsection (1) above shall be sent for information to the Prime Minister, Head of Government, the Minister in charge of Environment and ministers whose ministries are represented in the Committee. They may be given wide publicity.