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Re: Operation Ghost Town on Monday January 16, 2017 and Tuesday January 17, 2017

The Anglophone Action Group (AAG) has been closely following developments in the Negotiations between the Government of Cameroon and the Consortium of lawyers, Teachers and Transporters in Cameroon;

AAG has noted with increasing alarm persistent attempts by the Government of Cameroon to split the Consortium by selectively negotiating with one trade union instead of the entire team representing all the unions;

AAG is aware of the disrespect and intimidation shown to members of the Consortium;

AAG notes with disappointment the frustrations shown by the Consortium in their recent attempt to negotiate with the Government of Cameroon;

AAG is aware of the injuries sustained by three protesters in the night of Friday breaking Saturday the 14th of January 2017.

AAG, however hails the decision of the Government of Cameroon to support the financial costs of the treatment of all injured protesters taken to public hospitals.

Consequently,

AAG reaffirms its total support for the Consortium in their recent decision requesting a two-state federation via a referendum of the people of *West* Cameroon.

AAG also supports the decision of the **Consortium to declare Monday January 16 2017 and Tuesday January 17 2017 as “Ghost Town” days in the entire West Cameroon;**

In addition,

AAG continues to call on the Government of Cameroon to fully release all arrested and jailed protesters from previous manifestations.

Furthermore, AAG continues to remind the International Community of the need to hold the Government of Cameroon responsible for any Human Rights Abuse.

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