



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF AMBAZONIA  
[Former British Southern Cameroons]  
RESTORATION COUNCIL.

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THE AMENDED MODALITIES FOR THE AMBAZONIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

There is the need to hold elections even during our revolution as a way of evaluating the performances of our revolutionary leaders. The writers of our constitution did not include "Election" in it, the absence of which can breed dictatorship. The Ambazonian people would like to continue the practice of democracy which was subscribed since 1953, during war or peace time. The importance of elections, especially at the presidential level is to give both legitimacy (consent) and legality (authority) to the leadership of our country which is under occupation.

Elections make a fundamental contribution to democratic governance. They enable voters to select leaders and to hold them accountable for their performance in office. The possibility of controlling leaders by requiring them to submit to regular and periodic elections helps to resolve the problem of succession in leadership and thus contributes to the continuity in democracy and governance. Moreover, when the electoral process is competitive, and forces candidates to expose their records and future intentions to popular scrutiny, it serves as a forum for the discussion of public opinion. Elections thus provide political education for citizens and ensure the responsiveness of democratic governments to the will of the people. The overwhelming majority of Southern Cameroonian (Ambazonians) have demanded election modalities to govern the conduct of elections to the presidency of the country.

This law (Election Modalities) is therefore intended to provide a leveled playing field where Ambazonians aspiring to presidential leadership of our struggle can exercise their civic rights in a free and fair election.

Modalities of election of members into other institutions shall be subject to another law (The APP Laws).

## SECTION ONE

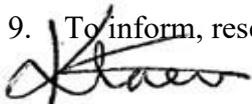
### GOALS OF THE MODALITIES:

These election modalities (law), which shall be subject to revision and or amendment from time to time, are established by the Restoration Council (RC) pursuant to article 5.1 of the Terms of Reference (TOR) granting it powers to make laws at interim and for the future.

In the event of any conflict between these modalities and the constitution, after the constitution is revised, the provisions of the constitution shall prevail.

#### The goals of these modalities include:

1. To promote voter education; Voters will know who is running for the office of the president and will be given the opportunity to ask the candidates questions in-person, online, by mail or by phone.
2. To guide the Ambazonian Election Commission (AEC), presidential candidates and the Ambazonian electorate at every step of the way from voter registration, declaration of candidacies, campaigns, voting proper, and to the publication of results.
3. To promote more competition, fairness, improvements, and transparency in our election process.
4. To increase participation in policy-making and universal suffrage for adults.
5. To assess and test policy options and implementation approaches.
6. To identify and manage significant risks to successful delivery of the elections.
7. To provide a voting environment that is impartial, accessible and user friendly.
8. To serve as the standard of operation (SOP). This means that anyone with the intention to run for the presidency will be aware of the requirements and agree to adhere to them.
9. To inform, research, encourage analysis, and reporting on the polls and the results of the elections.



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## SECTION TWO

### CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY

#### Article: 1) Presidential Candidacy and legitimacy

Candidates to the presidency of the FRA must establish the following:

1.1 - Nationality - be an Indigene of Ambazonia whose grand parents can be traced to the past four generations or two hundred (200) years as specified in the Ambazonian Code of Nationality.

1.2 - Age - be between 35 and 70 years old.

1.3 - Commitment to the struggle - be an active participant in an LGA supporting the struggle; show at least three years of commitment to the independence of Ambazonia and recognize the Interim Government (I G).

1.4 - Professional, moral and social status - have a reliable source of income and good standing in the community.

1.5 - Education - have at least an Advance Level General Certificate of Education (GCE) in at least two (2) subjects excluding Religion or an Associate Degree.

1.6 - May also have skills and experience in managing organizations or other institutions.

#### Other Conditions:

**1.7 - Pay a non-refundable registration fee of two thousand dollar (\$2,000.00).**

#### Rationale:

(payment Modalities) The payment must go to the National treasury, Election code. The money is needed to kick start the official duties of the newly elected President.

1.8 - Sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that includes:



**1.8.1 - A Three (3) Years Term of Office; maximum of two (2) terms if reelected.**

Rationale: Nothing has changed in this article.

1.8.2 - be in position of valid travel documents and meet all other travel requirements to enable him/her to travel without major restrictions.

**1.8.3 - be available to travel worldwide if needed with seven (7) days notice.**

Rationale: (based on the urgency).

**1.8.4 - 1.8.4 receive a periodic stipend of zero dollars (\$0) to a maximum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per month if needed and by request based on Region**

Rationale:

Based on the availability of funds. The request must be in writing, approved by the Comptroller General representing the RC and the Treasurer for the Executive arm of the government.

1.8.5 - Respect and respond to a potential motion to censure by the RC.

**1.8.6 – Leave Office within Seventy two (72) hours in case of an impeachment and removal from office and handover all resources and/or logistics and supplies.**

Rationale:

This article is maintained because an impeached and removed President can be dangerous to the nation. That is why three days is the maximum time.

1.8.7 - Handover all Ambazonia resources and logistics and/or supplies at the end of the tenure of office

1.8.8 - make reasonable efforts to call for collaboration and collaborate with frontline group leaders and genuine stakeholders.

Anyone who meets these requirements can declare his/her candidacy for president

## Article II: Election Date

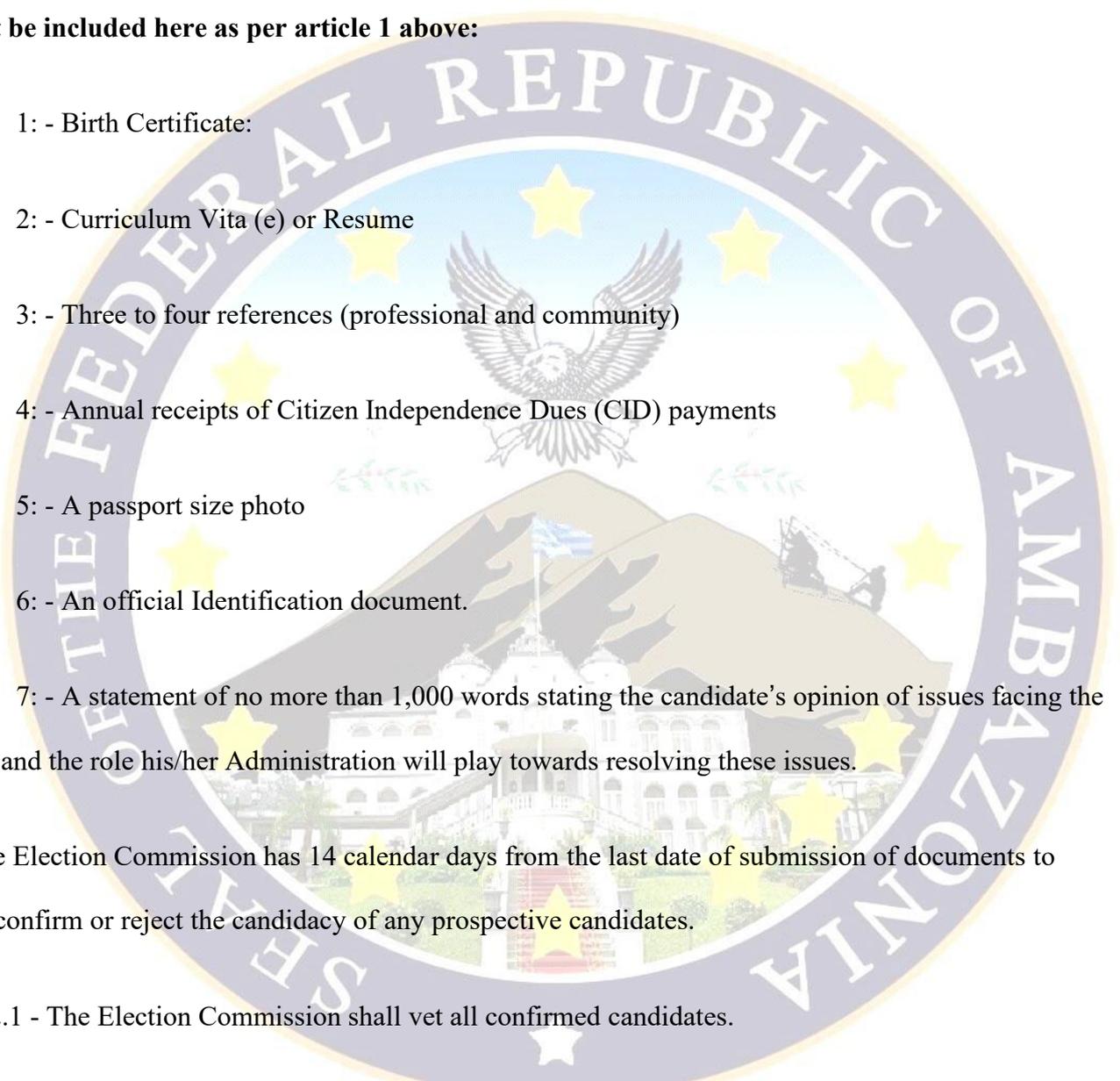
2.1 - The Election Commission shall announce the election date two (2) months in advance.

2.2 - The deadline for candidates to submit/declare their candidacy:

Once the date of the election has been announced, potential candidates have two weeks (14 Calendar days) to submit all documents needed for their candidacy.

**Article III: Items to submit:**

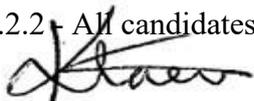
**3.1 - Each presidential candidate should submit copies of the following documents and any others that may not be included here as per article 1 above:**

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- 1: - Birth Certificate:
  - 2: - Curriculum Vita (e) or Resume
  - 3: - Three to four references (professional and community)
  - 4: - Annual receipts of Citizen Independence Dues (CID) payments
  - 5: - A passport size photo
  - 6: - An official Identification document.
  - 7: - A statement of no more than 1,000 words stating the candidate's opinion of issues facing the struggle and the role his/her Administration will play towards resolving these issues.

3.2 - The Election Commission has 14 calendar days from the last date of submission of documents to review, confirm or reject the candidacy of any prospective candidates.

3.2.1 - The Election Commission shall vet all confirmed candidates.

3.2.2 All candidates will be notified of their vetting results.

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3.2.3 - The Election Commission shall present the candidates to the public and explain voting modalities to the electorate

## **Article IV: Eligibility to Vote on Election Day:**

**4.1 -The RC members, LGA chairs and Country/Regional Coordinators are eligible to vote either by Hand up in a virtual set-up or by ballot paper in in-person vote.**

Rationale: (Rationale) To avoid conflict of interest and duplication, the RC member's Countries/Regional Coordinators will vote only at the level of their offices. At the LGA level, voting excludes RC members and Country/Regional Coordinators.

## **Article V: How many votes are needed to win the presidency?**

5.1 - In order to become president, a candidate must win with a simple majority of more than 50% of the vote cast.

5.2 - In case there is no clear winner, the top two candidates will have a run up election on the fourth (4 th) day after the election.

5.3 - After article 5.2 above, if there is a tie, the RC will vote to break the tie within twenty four (24) hours. If there is still a tie, the RC will continue to vote daily until there is a clear winner.

5.4 - Voters must be financially up to date regarding payments of drafts, AR Fee, monthly contributions, etc

## **Article VI: Campaigns:**

6.1 - The Election Commission will provide the platform for candidates to present their manifestos to the Ambazonian people and debate.

6.2 - Candidates have four weeks to complete their campaigns. No campaigns on the day of the Election. All campaigns stop at midnight Amba time breaking to the day of election.

6.3 - The Election will take place through ZOOM from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Amba time in a virtual setup or as may be determined by the Election Commission.

6.4 - Candidates should be respectful to other candidates and should not use foul language or discriminate base on gender, religion, area of origin, and age. Attacking other family members of candidates not involved in the campaign is prohibited.

## **Article VII: Election Challenges**

### **7.1 - Pre-election challenges**

7.1.1 - Pre-election challenges/concerns should be registered with the Election Commission two weeks before the Election date.

7.1.2 - All registered challenges/concerns should be resolved one week before the election date.

### **7.2 - Post election challenges**

7.2.1 - Post election challenges/concerns should be registered with the Election Commission within 24 hours after the Election.

7.2.2 - All registered challenges/concerns should be resolved within 24 hours after they have been registered

7.2.3 - If the challenges/concerns cannot be resolved within 24 hours and will not overturn the results of the Election, the results should be announced.

7.2.4 - If the challenges/concerns cannot be resolved within 24 hours and they could overturn the results, the results will not be announced until the issues are resolved.

## **Article VIII: Results Reported:**

### **8.1 – Effective Date**

The Chairman of the Election Commission, in consultation with the RC, will proclaim/announce the results of the election within twenty four (24) hours after concerns, if any, must have been resolved.

### **8.2- The result will be published.**

A tabular breakdown for the President-elect and other contestants will be published. The report shall include:

(a) the total number of votes cast, (b) the total number of candidates, and (c) the winning candidate and the votes each candidate received. In addition to receiving this information, all other candidates shall also be informed of the number of votes they received.

## **Article IX: Statement of Compliance with Guidelines**

9.1 - After the Election Commission announces the names of candidates, each candidate will receive a copy of these guidelines.

9.2 - Each candidate must agree to, and sign a statement acknowledging that he or she has received the guidelines and pledge to adhere to them.

9.3 - Each candidate should report to the Election Commission immediately any deviations from the guidelines of which he or she becomes aware.

9.4 – Each candidate is permitted to have an observer present for the casting and counting of the ballots or votes. A candidate may serve as his or her own observer or he or she may designate an alternate observer. Observers should not interfere with or disrupt the casting or counting of the ballots. Their role is limited to observing the election process, asking procedural questions, challenging defective ballots, and lodging protests with the Election Commissioners as appropriate.

#### **9.5 - Compliance**

Upon receipt of a complaint, the Election Commission will provide the candidate with notice and an opportunity to respond to the allegations.



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## ENDORSEMENT PAGE

**This law was drafted and prepared by the members of the Election Committee (Taskforce) of the FRA. The committee included members from the RC, Executive Branch, Counties, LGAs, Countries and Regions, and concerned Ambazonians.**

### Rationale:

These Election Modalities are legally binding rules. The articles can be interpreted by people in different ways. Some may interpret it as rules, some look as a working document, and others look at it as a law. Whatever the interpretation, they are legally binding and enforceable per the constitution

These modalities have been reviewed and endorsed by the Judicial Council of the FRA.

### Election Committee of the FRA and the RC Members.

#### THE RESTORATION COUNCIL OFFICIAL SEAL

The Restoration Council, sitting on this day May 7<sup>th</sup> 2022, voted and approved this law as modified.

Signature: -----

Date: 03<sup>rd</sup>, August 2022

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Hon. Elvis Kometa, Chairman of the RC.