

**CONTRIBUTION OF THE VICE-PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF JUSTICE,
KEEPER OF THE SEALS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE WORKSHOP ON
“ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIP WITH A VIEW
TO ENHANCING THE BUSINESS CLIMATE” HILTON HOTEL, YAOUNDE:
17 JUNE 2009, 4 30P.M. TO 6 P.M.**

The Government of the Republic of Cameroon has, for a long time, been aware of the necessity of setting up a public-private sector consultation framework that is extended to the civil society.

To this end, an Interministerial-Private Sector Committee (CIESP) was set up. It brought together, yearly, in Douala and sometimes Yaounde, Members of Government whose activities have an impact on business, business persons and the civil society.

Generally, CIESP presents recommendations at the end of its meetings. In this regard, during its meeting of November 2006, CIEP identified its shortcomings and recommended the setting up of a Prime Minister's Investment Council. I am the Vice-Chairperson of this council and I preside over Working Group No.2 that precisely is in charge of enhancing the application of OHADA Law.

The first session of the Prime Minister's Investment Council took place, in the Cabinet Meeting Room, at the Prime Minister's Office on 16 March 2006.

The agenda of the said session included the following points amongst others:

- presentation of recommendations by the Business Action Against Corruption (BAAC) and discussions;
- improvement of the business climate in Cameroon; and
- facilitating the setting up of enterprises in Cameroon.

During the last consultation meeting held here in the Hilton Hotel, on 26 September 2008, the working group that I preside over, submitted a draft bill relating to administrators who are not shareholders of limited liability companies, public establishments and public and semi-public enterprises with a view to contributing to their sound governance.

Therefore, it is obvious that the Cameroon Government, with the contribution of all stakeholders, has always shown concern for the improvement of the business climate in our country.

Such government concern led to the setting up, in the Ministry of Justice, that I have the honour to head, of a Judicial-Private Sector Consultation Committee.

The duties of this Committee are to:

- encourage permanent consultation between the judiciary and the private sector;
- study the working conditions of the judicial sector with a view to improving on them;
- allow for the publication, popularization and application of the law and court judgments;
- advice or make suggestions to Government on matters under its jurisdiction; and
- protect the interests of the judiciary and the private sector.

The said Committee works normally. It held its last session on 2 December 2008 during which participants exchanged views on how both the judiciary and business persons can better appropriate the garnishee procedure.

This is my simple contribution to this workshop on the theme “Establishing a Public-Private Sector Partnership with a View to Enhancing the Business Climate.”

Thank you for your kind attention.