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The Cameroon Football Federation (FECAFOOT) FECAFOOT has learned through a press release widely circulated on social networks, signed by the Head of the Communication Unit of the Ministry of Sports and Physical Education and relating to the release of the sum of **1,212,336,810 FCFA**, for the settlement of the emoluments of Mr. CONCEIÇÃO, former coach of the Indomitable Lions, following FECAFOOT's condemnation by the FIFA Players' Status Chamber in the related case.

FECAFOOT would like to express its sincere gratitude to the Cameroonian Government, and in particular to the **President of the Republic, Head of State, His Excellency Paul BIYA**, for his constant concern for Cameroonian football, which was most remarkable in the above-mentioned act of rescue.

FECAFOOT nevertheless wishes to enlighten public opinion on the truth of this affair in view of certain inaccuracies contained in the MINSEP's Radio-Press Communiqué.

1- The termination of the contract of Coach Antonio CONCEIÇÃO and the entire staff due to insufficient results was approved by the Very High Agreement of the **President of the Republic** and implemented by all the Administrations concerned at a meeting convened for this purpose by the Minister of Sports on July 14, 2022 and held at MINSEP under his leadership on July 22, 2022. FECAFOOT has been condemned in this lawsuit because of its capacity as FIFA's sole interlocutor for Cameroonian football. It is therefore unhealthy to try to blame FECAFOOT for the unilateral termination of Coach CONCEIÇÃO's contract and the ensuing lawsuit.

2 -FECAFOOT's positions in all circumstances are and remain rational and enlightened, always based on arguments of right, truth and justice. To call them "hasty, irresponsible, hasty or impulsive" is simply provocative and insulting. The Federation cannot respond out of respect for its Trusteeship. However, it is worth noting that in the past, several Indomitable Lions selectors' contracts (Javier CLEMENTE, Volker FINKE, Hugo BROSS, Clarence SEEDORF, for example) have been terminated for the same reasons. These contracts, always negotiated to the exclusion of

FECAFOOT, have cost the State considerable resources. The only contract in which the Cameroon Football Federation was regularly involved, that of Head Coach Rigobert SONG, terminated for similar reasons, could not have given rise to such lawsuits with far-reaching consequences, as it was skilfully negotiated.

3 - The comments made by the Head of MINSEP's Communication Unit, speaking on behalf of the ministerial department to which he reports, run totally counter to the instructions of appeasement and harmony on the part of the various officials in charge of Cameroonian football and the Indomitable Lions, which the **President of the Republic** issued on February 10, and are part of a permanent desire on the part of the officials of this ministerial department to instrumentalize and incite certain coaches and players in Cameroonian football to distrust FECAFOOT.

Once again resolving to align itself totally behind the words of Wisdom of the **President of the Republic**, Head of State, FECAFOOT humbly requests the same attitude from the other stakeholders.

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