Appendix VI, Code of Conduct, Ambazonia Defense Council



Allegiance and the oath of the ADF

I am an Ambazonian.

"I swear by almighty God that I will be faithful and pledge true allegiance to the flag of Ambazonia, the cause of her freedom from illegal and colonial rule by Cameroun and her acolytes.

I will proudly, honestly and faithfully support and defend Ambazonia in person, leadership and dignity against all enemies.

I will observe and obey all orders of my superiors, generals and officers appointed over me, and I will defend and protect my fellow comrades and all those who have gone before me."

Introduction:

The provisions herein constitute the code of conduct of the Ambazonia Defense Forces (ADF). The mission of the ADF are as follows; Firstly, to free/protect the people of Ambazonia from illegal occupation by Cameroun in accordance with UN Resolution 1608 of 21 April 1961. Secondly, to uphold the right of Ambazonia to external self-determination. Thirdly, to achieve the independence of Ambazonia as a sovereign country. Also, to defend Ambazonians from any harm by Cameroun, its acolytes, and other individuals of evil intent seeking to take advantage of our revolution. It further seeks to assist with the provision of humanitarian services to Ambazonians especially the most vulnerable demographic. Finally, it seeks to ensure peace and stability in a post-independence Ambazonia. All ADF personnel are



expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of personnel and professional integrity/ethics. ADF personnel shall comply with directives issued by the Chairperson of the Ambazonia Defense Council.

This Code of Conduct, in accordance with the Geneva Convention, therefore provides members of the Ambazonia Defense Forces with a standard of conduct should they be captured by an enemy. It also provides a framework of ethical standards that will help ADF members resist the mental, moral and physical treatment of their captor.

Persons Subject to this code: All members of the Ambazonian Defense Forces, other persons lawfully called or ordered into the ADF, prisoners and prisoners of war. Failure to obey any regulation subjects the offender to charges under article 12 (Failure to obey an order or a regulation) of the ADF code of Conduct. The articles enumerated therein shall be carefully explained to ALL members of the ADF at the time of joining the Defense Forces or within five days thereafter.

The 42 articles are as follows:

Article1. Honor and Commitment:

I am an Ambazonia and/or I am fighting in the ADF for the liberation of my Ambazonia homeland from illegal annexation by Cameroun; Ambazonia is my country, and I am fighting to defend our way of life, our heritage, our identity, our right to exist and develop ourselves as a people; I am fighting to ensure that the generation after me and me have the best country to live in. I am prepared to give my life in their defense. The ADF fighter must never forget that he/she is an Ambazonian or stands for Ambazonia, fighting for freedom, responsible for his or her actions, and dedicated to the mission of the ADF as spelled out in the



introduction to this Code of Conduct. He/she will trust in God and in Ambazonia and will never let down honor to the Ambazonia flag.

Article 2. Courage and Morale:

All ADF members must be prepared to use lethal force in combat missions and to show restraint when necessary and when commanded by superiors. ADF fighters shall maintain the courage to do what is right even when it may be unpopular, or risk ridicule or danger, and to insist on maintaining the highest standards of decency and behavior always. Each Ambazonian soldier has the obligation and duty to maintain high morale among the ADF. Morale includes confidence in equipment, good training and sound administration; it is the confidence between commanders and those under their command and between individual fighters. Such confidence is a product of leadership and comradeship. Commanders and each soldier shall forge close bonds and personal trust, which will withstand the stresses imposed by the demands of operations. Through commitment and self-sacrifice, the interests of the team and the task to be accomplished shall supersede one's own.

Article 3. Statement of Values & Discipline

Discipline, Effectiveness, Sacrifice, Integrity, Loyalty and Team Spirit shall be the defining values of the members of the ADF, and of the ADF as an organization in the pursuit of its mission. Discipline is the primary antidote to fear and maintains operational effectiveness: it is supported by team loyalty, trust and professionalism. Discipline is a character builder and not a destroyer of individuality thus, shall be the mark of all ADF fighters. This includes respect for superior commands, readiness and commitment to training and operations, respect for one another in speech and acts.

Respect for Others



There shall be respect in the ADF. There shall be no place for discrimination, favoritism, tribalism, regional sectarianism and xenophobia. All ADF soldiers shall be treated with dignity alive and in dead. Respect for others shall extend to respect for the integrity of any persons and organs or units promoting the liberation of Ambazonia, local cultural norms and values not contrary to the revolution and progressive education of the populace when such norms oppose the revolution, to respect for victims of conflict, civilians, respect for the wounded and the dead.

Humanitarian Assistance

The ADF shall protect innocent local civilian populations, including refugees and internally displaced persons fleeing conflict zones. The ADF shall never obstruct but assist in the provision of humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons while safeguarding the safety of its membership in such engagements.

Civilian Administration

The ADF shall not engage in administration of the day to day life of villages, towns, cities, or counties except in matters of defense. The ADF shall encourage the setting up of local civilian administrators and judges and embrace a civilian public service system including the provision of public goods and services. It shall be the responsibility of the ADF to protect the civilian personnel.

Article 4. Loyalty



All ADF soldiers shall maintain loyalty to Ambazonia as their country and faithfulness to its liberation. Those in authority must be loyal to their subordinates: representing their interests faithfully, dealing with complaints thoroughly and developing their abilities through all means necessary. Subordinates must be loyal to their leaders, their team, and their duty. Being loyal shall not imply condoning wrong doing but being solution focused for operational effectiveness and the wellbeing of the team. Commitment, self- sacrifice, courage, professionalism, decency and integrity shall be the qualifying factors of loyalty

Article 5. Free Consent

I commit to the ADF out of free will, and I will never surrender myself to the enemy out of free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my unit, battalion, or command to the enemy while they still have the means to resist the illegal occupier and its acolytes.

Article 6. Resistance

If captured, an ADF soldier shall continue to resist by all means available including escaping and will use every opportunity to advance the Ambazonia independence cause and promote the safety of fellow fighters and the Ambazonian people against the enemy.

Article 7. Prisoner of War

If an ADF fighter becomes a prisoner of war (POW), he or she shall keep faith with fellow prisoners. He or she will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to his or her fellow comrades. If he or she is senior, he/she will



take command. If not, he/she will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over him/her and will back them up in every way.

Article 8. Fraternization Prohibited/ Sexual Harassment

The ADF shall maintain conduct that fosters team cohesion, trust and a spirit of camaraderie. Unacceptable behavior that shall attract disciplinary action include: unwelcome sexual attention; sexual advances towards the partners of fellow fighters; displays of affection which might cause offence to others; behavior which damages or hazards the marriage or personal relationships of fellow fighters or civilian colleagues within the wider defense network; and taking sexual advantage of subordinates. Each case of social misbehaviors shall be examined with consideration of the specific prevailing circumstances and the potential for adverse effect on the operational effectiveness. The ADF has a zero tolerance policy for sexual harassment, abuse or relationships that undermine ranking and encourages favoritism. Do not use implicit or explicit sexual behavior to control other personnel.

Article 9. Integrity

The ADF shall maintain a team spirit in which individual needs and desires are subordinated to those of the team, however unpalatable. Each fighter must be honest, truthful, and trustworthy to teammates who shall "have each other's back" always. Integrity means being honest and truthful. There shall be intolerance to deceit and dishonesty. All commanders are responsible for defining and maintaining standards of personal behavior in their units and battalion. All persons in positions of authority, at all levels, shall set the highest standards and be fair and consistent to their subordinates.



Inter Units Collaboration:

The ADF shall aid all units under attack that it is conscious of to evade the threat, and ADF units may work with other units where necessary and appropriate to execute joint missions.

Article 10. Delegation of Authority and Accountability

Although you may delegate authority, which does not relieve you being responsibility therefore you must make sure that the delegated authority is properly exercised and orders and instructions are properly executed. Those entrusted with ADF funds and materials must use those funds accountably for the mission of the ADF and any other purpose for which the funds were officially appropriated. Embezzlement, dishonesty and deception in the control and management of ADF funds shall be a crime. All defense materials provided by the ADF to its soldiers belong to the ADF at all times and must be used only for self-protection and in achieving the mission of the ADF.

Article 11. Authority over Subordinates/Abuse of authority

This article gives officers/generals the authority to exercise due diligence necessary to perform their duties however, persons in position of authority are forbidden to injure their subordinate by tyrannical conduct or abusive language except deadly force is met.

Article 12. Failure to Obey an Order or a Regulation



Disobedience of 'any other lawful order' requires that the person must have had a duty to obey that order and must have had knowledge of the order. Dereliction of duty occurs when a person willfully or negligently fails to perform them or in a culpably inefficient manner.

Article 13. Responsibilities Concerning Marijuana, other controlled substances and alcohol

ADF members may not bring any controlled substances within the vicinity of the barracks. Any person subject to this article including lookout, who is found drunk on duty will be punished as the ADF court-marshal may direct. The ADF shall not tolerate excessive alcohol consumption and drunkenness shall be a serious offense. Drug misuse that adversely impacts operational effectiveness shall not be permitted. Commanders are to ensure that social functions take place in a controlled environment, and they must also set an example through their own moderation, demonstrating self-discipline, moral courage, and ability to exercise the responsibilities of their rank.

Article 14. Treatment and Release of Prisoners

Persons in confinement must not be subjected to cruel or unusual treatment. They must be visited every 6 hours to check on their condition and to care for their needs. In the event of an emergency, they may be removed to a safe area or released within the limits of the ADF barracks. The rights of any Prisoners Of War under the ADF custody must be respected. The POW shall be provided nutritional, shelter and medical needs as necessary. Efforts shall be made to educate, train and integrate a viable POW into the ADF or other responsibilities of the revolution where



appropriate with the free consent of the POW, and with due consideration of all security issues that may be involved.

Article 15. Disclosure, Publication and Security of Official Information

ADF personnel may not make speeches or write anything that might disclose information of interest to the enemy or that would aid persons with claims against Ambazonia. If ADF personnel publish articles on political or international subjects, they must state the views are theirs and not those of the ADF. When such articles are accepted for publication, the personnel must forward a complete copy of each article to the Chair of the Ambazonia Defense Council.

Article 16. Capture by an Enemy

If a member of the ADF is captured by the enemy is required to give name, rank, Dog tag, Service number and Date of birth. That person will make no statement disloyal to, critical of or harmful to Ambazonia and its Forces.

Article 17. Possession of Weapons/other ADF Properties

ADF Personnel may not have any weapons or explosives in their possession without proper authority. ADF personnel shall not possess, without permission, any property of the ADF except what is needed in the performance of their duty.

Article 18. ADF Identification Dog Tags.

All ADF field personnel shall be in possession of an Identification Dog Tag. Under no circumstances shall any person without proper authority shall;



- a) Have in his/her possession more than one properly validated Dog Tag.
- b) Have in his/her possession a false or unauthorized Dog Tag bearing false information concerning a name, rank, service number or Date of birth.

Article 19. Photographic Equipment

No person shall:

- a) Make photographs of any unit or its equipment, objects from the unit, without permission from the General or authorized representative.
- b) Possess or introduce in a barracks or unit any camera or other photographic equipment capable of exposing a photographic plate or film without permission of the General or his authorized representative.
- c) While on duty or on patrol, knowingly permit the introduction of any camera or photographic equipment in any unit unless such equipment is authorized by the General or his authorized representative.

Article 20. Confinement with Enemy Prisoners

ADF members may not be placed in confinement in immediate association with enemy prisoners. ADF members may be confined in the same jails, prisons or other confinement facilities, however, so long as they are separated from other categories.

Article 21. Conspiracy and Solicitation

Conspiracy is defined as an agreement between two or more persons to commit a crime of a bold nature for instance overthrowing the General or other senior officers. Such an agreement need not be formal; it could be a common understanding in the minds of the parties to accomplish the objective of the conspiracy. Solicitation may A COALITION OF AMBAZONIA DEFENSE FORCES



be accomplished by other means than by word of mouth or by writing. Any act or conduct that may be considered as a serious request or advice others to desert or commit an act of misbehavior the enemy constitute solicitation, he or she shall be punished as the ADF court martial may direct.

Article 22. Cruelty and Maltreatment

Any persons guilty of cruelty toward or oppression or maltreatment of any person subject to the orders shall be punished as the ADF court martial may direct. The cruelty, oppression or maltreatment must be real, although not necessarily physical. The assignment of necessary or proper duties and the requirements for their correct performance will not constitute this offense even though such duties may be arduous.

Article 23. Principals

The mere fact that someone is present at a scene of a crime does not make that person liable or a principal. To be considered a principal of a crime; the person must be guilty of the intent to aid or encourage the person(s) who committed the crime.

A person who witnessed a crime can be a principal if evidence shows the witness had a duty to interfere and the witness's noninterference was intended to operate and did operate to encourage or protect the perpetrator.

A person may be a principal even though not at the scene of the crime if he/she commanded, advised or obtained another person to commit an offense.

Article 24. Desertion



All ADF members who, without permission from his or her immediate superior, leave their place of duty or organization with the intent to remain away permanently are guilty of desertion. The status of an absentee shall change to that of a deserter after 5 days of absence or sooner if the intent to desert is certain.

The charges for desertion can be severe and ranges from confinement to execution in times of war.

Article 25. Resistance, Breach of Arrest and Escape

Any ADF member subject to this article who resists apprehension or breaks arrest or who escapes from custody or confinement shall be punished as ADF court martial may direct.

Article 26. Releasing Prisoner without Proper Authority

Any ADF member who, without proper authority, releases any prisoner committed to charge, or who through neglect or design suffers any such prisoner escape, shall be punished as the ADF Court Marshall dictates, whether or not the prisoner committed in strict compliance with ADF rules and regulations.

Article 27. Unlawful Detention

Any person subject to this article, who, except as proved in the ADF code of Conduct, apprehends, arrests, or confines any person shall be punished as the ADF court martial may direct.

Article 28. Mutiny or Sedition



Any ADF member who intends to usurp or override lawful ADF authority, refuses, in concert otherwise do his duty or creates any violence or disturbance is guilty of mutiny.

Any ADF member with intent to cause the overthrow or destruction of ADF civil authority creates, violence, or disturbance against that authority is guilty of sedition.

Any person who is found guilty of attempted Mutiny, Mutiny, Sedition or failure to suppress or report a mutiny or sedition shall be punished by death or such other punishment as the ADF court martial may direct.

Article 29. Captured or Abandoned Property

Persons subject to this article will secure all public property taken from the enemy for the service of Ambazonia, and shall give notice and turn over to the proper chain of command without delay all captured or abandoned property in their possession, custody, or control. Immediately upon its capture from the enemy, the public property becomes the property of the people of Ambazonia.

Any person who -

- (a) buys, sells, trades, or in any way deals in or disposes of captured or abandoned property, whereby he receives or expects any profit, benefit, or advantage to himself or another person directly or indirectly connected with himself or
- (b) engages in looting or Pillaging;

Shall be punished as the ADF court martial may direct.

Article 30. Aiding the enemy, Spies and Espionage

Any ADF member who-



- (a) aids, or attempts to aid, the enemy with arms, ammunition, supplies, money or other things or
- (b) without proper authority, knowingly harbors or protects or gives intelligence to, or communicates or corresponds with or holds any intercourse with the enemy, this may be directly or indirectly;

Shall suffer death or such other punishment as the court martial or General of the Ambazonian Defense Forces may direct.

This article applies to all persons regardless of nationality whether or not they are serving in the Ambazonian Defense Forces.

Any person who in times of war is found lurking as a spy or acting as a spy in or about any place or barracks within the control or jurisdiction of the ADF or any place engaged in work in aid of the prosecution of the Ambazonian revolution shall be tried as the ADF court martial may direct. Any person found guilty, conviction shall be by death.

Any person with intent or reason to believe that it is to be used to the injury of Ambazonia or to the advantage of a foreign nation, communicates, delivers, or transmits, or attempts to communicate, deliver, or transmit, to any entity described...either directly or indirectly, anything described...shall be punished as the ADF court martial may direct. If the offense involves major element of defense strategy, the accused shall be punished by death or such punishments the ADF court martial may direct.

Article 31. Murder



Any ADF personnel who, without justification or excuse, unlawfully kills a human being, when he-

- (a) has a premeditated design to kill;
- (b) intends to kill or inflict great bodily harm;
- (c) is engaged in an act that is inherently dangerous to another and evidence a wanton disregard of human life; or
- (d) is engaged in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of burglary, sodomy, rape, robbery or aggravated arson;

is guilty of murder and shall suffer such punishment as the ADF court martial shall direct, except that if found guilty under clause (a) or (d), he shall suffer death or imprisonment for life as the court martial may direct.

Article 32. Manslaughter

Any person who with an intent to kill or inflict great bodily harm, unlawfully kills a human being in the heat or sudden passion caused by adequate provocation is guilty of voluntary manslaughter and shall be punished as the ADF court martial may directs.

Any person(s) subject to this article who without an intent to kill or inflict great bodily harm, unlawfully kills a human being-

- (a) by culpable negligence; or
- (b) while perpetrating or attempting perpetrate an offense, other than those named in clause (d) of article 31, directly affecting the person;



is guilty of involuntary manslaughter and shall be punished as the ADF court martial may direct.

Manslaughter is the unlawful killing of another. It may be voluntary or involuntary.

Voluntary manslaughter is the unlawful killing of another when there is intent to kill or inflict great bodily harm, but the act is committed in the heat of sudden passion caused by adequate provocation.

Involuntary manslaughter is the unlawful killing of another committed without intent to kill or inflict great bodily harm.

Article 33. Larceny and Wrongful Appropriation

Any ADF person(s) subject to this article who wrongfully takes, obtains, or withholds, by any means, from the possession of the owner or of any other person any money, personal property, or article of value of any kind-

- (a) with intent permanently to deprive or defraud another person of the use and benefit of property or to appropriate it to his own use or the use of any person other than the owner, steals that property and is guilty of Larceny; or
- (b) with intent temporarily to deprive or defraud another person of the use and benefit of property or to appropriate to his own use or the use of any person other than the owner, guilty of wrongful appropriation.

Any person(s) found guilty of larceny or wrongful appropriate shall be punished as the ADF court martial may direct.

Article 34. Robbery



Any ADF person(s) who with intent to steal takes anything of value from the person, community or in the presence of another, against his will, by means of force or violence or fear of immediate or future injury to his person or property or to the person or property of a relative or member of his family or of anyone in his company at the time of the robbery is guilty of robbery. This is a serious offense as it contradicts the ADF core values thus, shall be punished as the court martial may direct.

Article 35. Forgery

Any person(s) with intent to defraud-

- (a) falsely make or alters any signature, to, or any part of, any writing which would, if genuine, apparently impose a legal liability on another or change his legal right or liability to his prejudice; or
- (b) utters, offers, issues, or transfers such writing, known by him to be so made or altered;

is guilty of forgery and shall be punished as the ADF court martial directs.

A forgery can be committed by a person signing his/her own name to an instrument.

Article 36. Maiming

Any ADF person(s) with intent to injure, disfigure, or disable, inflicts upon the person of another an injury which

- (a) seriously disfigures his person by a mutilation thereof;
- (b) destroys or disables any member or organ of the body; or



(c) seriously diminishes his physical vigor by the injury of any member or organ;

is guilty of maiming and shall be punished as the ADF court martial may direct.

Maiming includes putting out a person's eye; cutting off a person's hand, foot, or finger; or knocking out a person's front teeth, as these injuries destroy or disable those members or organs.

Article 37. Arson

Any Person(s) who willfully and maliciously burns or sets on fir an inhabited dwelling, community or any other structure, movable or immovable, wherein to the knowledge of the offender there is at the time a human being, is guilty of aggravated arson and shall be punished as the ADF court martial may direct.

In aggravated Arson, the danger of human life is the essential element; in simple Arson, it is the injury to the property of another. In either case, the fact that no one is injured is immaterial.

The ADF shall not engage in the destruction of schools, hospitals and health centers, churches, attack of school children, or destruction of heritage sites.

Article 38. Burglary

Any person(s) subject to this article who, with intent to commit an offense punishable under articles 31-37, breaks and enters, the dwelling house of another, I guilty of burglary and shall be punished as the ADF court martial may direct.

This includes, any entry gained through tricks, false pretense, impersonation, intimidation, kidnapping for purpose of ransom or collusion also constitutes breaking. The ADF shall also act as necessary to stop any of these acts that may be



carried out by anyone during the liberation struggle and shall hand them over to the established local Ambazonian civilian institutions of justice.

Article 39. General Article

Though not specially mentioned in this article, all disorders and neglects to the prejudice of good order and discipline in the Ambazonia Defense Forces, all conduct of a nature to discredit upon the Defense Forces, and crimes and offenses not capital of which persons subject to this article may be guilty, shall be taken cognizance of by a general, special, summary court martial convened by the Ambazonia Defense Council Chair according to the degree and nature of the offense. The offender shall be punished at the discretion of the court martial.

Article 39 makes punishable acts or omissions not covered specifically mentioned in other articles. Those acts include; the careless discharge of a firearm and impersonating as an ADF personnel.

Discredit means injure the reputation of; that is, to bring our Anglo-Saxon Culture into disrepute.

Crimes and the offenses not capital include those acts or omissions, not punishable by another article denounced as crimes or offences by enactment of the Common Law under the authority of the people of Ambazonia. All these offenses are punishable only if committed within the geographical boundaries of Ambazonia.

Article 40. Complaints of Wrongs

Any member of the Ambazonia Defense Forces who believes himself wronged by the General of the Ambazonia Defense Forces, and who, upon due application to the



General, is refused redress, may complain to Chair of the ADF through their immediate superior who shall forward the complaint to the Chairman of ADF.

This article provides for redress of wrongs inflicted by a superior official on subordinates and prescribes the procedure to be followed by the subordinates to apply for such redress.

Article 41. Redress of Injuries to Property

Whenever complaint is made to any superior or the General of the ADF that willful damage has been done to the property of any person or that his property has been wrongfully taken by any member(s) of the Defense Forces, he may, convene a meeting when possible to investigate the complaint. For the purpose of that investigation, the ADF authority has the power to summon witnesses and examine them upon oath, to receive documentary evidence, and to assess damages sustained against the responsible parties.

Article 42. General's Non-Judicial Punishment

The General's non-judicial punishment is often referred to as the General's Mast. During the General's Mast cases are heard and punishment given at the General's Mast. Any ADF member may, however, demand trail by ADF court-martial in lieu of punishment at Mast, before such punishment is imposed. The General may order a court martial on a case by case basis. The following are some of the punishment that may be given at the General's Mast;

(a) **Restriction**- is the requirement to remain within certain specified limits within the camp or barracks. The restricted person(s) usually continues to perform his/her duties but without liberty.



- (b) **Correctional Custody** is the physical restraint (confinement) of a person during operations or non-operations hours or both.
- (c) Confinement on Bread and Water or Diminished Rations- may be imposed by the General depending on the offense.

APPEALS: If any person(s) consider their punishment under article (42) to be unjust or out of proportion to the offense, they may appeal to the next superior in the chain of command. The appeal must be made within reasonable time (2 days) and promptly. If the superior upholds the appeal, all rights, privileges and property are restored.

MERITORIOUS AND REQUEST MASTS.

Not all General's Masts are for disciplinary purposes. A meritorious mast may be held by the commanding officer to give awards or commendations to those persons who have earned them.

When and where an issue arises that is not covered in this Code, the matter shall be submitted to the Ambazonia Defense Council for deliberation, guidance and decision as most appropriate to protect the revolution, achieve its goal, and bequeath to future generations the foundations of a just, peaceful, democratic and sovereign Ambazonia.

Effective this July 20th, 2018, the welfare of the Ambazonia liberation and independence cause requiring it and our justice protects us, so help us GOD!



