

**THIRD ORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE
CAMEROON PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
MOVEMENT (CPDM)**

**Closing Speech by H.E. Paul BIYA, Head of
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My dear comrades from Ndian Division,

Thank you for your kind homage. Let me tell you that Bakassi is our soil today and will remain our soil forever.

Thank you very much.

**Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Comrades,**

We are coming to the end of the proceedings of the Third Ordinary Congress of our Party.

I want to thank you for unanimously - minus one vote, re-electing me to the helm of our great National Party. I am deeply moved and honoured by this trust; I will not fail you.

The spirit of dialogue that prevailed throughout the proceedings enabled the frank and enriching exchange of ideas on the major challenges facing our country.

This was a good example of tolerance, openness and democracy.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate the Congress Bureau on the smooth conduct of the proceedings and Committee Members for their recommendations.

I want also to congratulate the statutory delegates for their ardent militancy and enthusiasm.

Dear Comrades,

Like I said in my opening speech, our “greater ambitions” will become “great accomplishments”.

These “great accomplishments” call for a “fresh impetus” that will enable us to transform Cameroon and of which our party should serve as a catalyst.

For us, CPDM militants, this fresh impetus is reflected in:

- the opening up of our organs to more youths and women;

- the development of the spirit of initiative and creativity;
- the recognition of hard work and merit;
- the adoption of a new, more modern, dedicated and responsible frame of mind.

Armed with this fresh impetus, you should, as from tomorrow, **convince** voters on the ground about the merit of our policy, the soundness of our ideas and the relevance of our views.

Indeed, is it possible to hesitate as to which to choose?

Peace or adventure?
Stability or uncertainty?
Order or chaos?

Is it conceivable that our achievements, progress and future projects risk being challenged?

You have the enthusiasm, you have the will, you have the energy, ...
You now have to convince.

Convince to win the forthcoming election and above all convince to win with an overwhelming majority and thus enable us to fully implement our policy, transform our country, become an emerging country and hence improve the living standard of our people.

This concerns the future of our country and I know I can count on you!

However, beyond this election, other major tasks lie ahead of us. Through this “fresh impetus”, you must now prepare to win tomorrow’s victories, the victories of our future.

To that end, we are and we must remain the leading party in Cameroon.

Dear Comrades,

In conclusion, I would, at this juncture, like to very sincerely thank our grassroots militants, wherever they are, for their devotion and the excellent work they are doing on the ground at the service of our common ideal.

And to you here present, allow me tell you how pleased I have been meeting you, you who are so dynamic, so warm, so enthusiastic.

Together we will continue to do great things!

I hereby declare closed the proceedings of the Third Ordinary Congress of the Cameroon People's Democratic Movement.

Long live the CPDM!

Long live Cameroon!

Thank you.