A SPEECH PRESENTED BY AGBOR NKENG ETENGENENG, THE REGIONAL RAPPORTEUR FOR THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS (NCHRF) ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF A PROJECT STYLED "FROM HOUSE TO HOME, A DREAM COME TRUE" ORGANISED BY CEPROCUL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SELAVIP BAMENDA 2 SUB DIVISION

- H.E., The Governor of the NWR herein represented;
- Lord Mayor of Bamenda 2 here represented;
- Divisional Officer for Bamenda 2 here represented;
- Regional Delegates here represented;
- The Traditional Authorities here present;
- Promoters of Human Rights Organizations here present;
- All Protocol duly respected;
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

Deputizing for the Regional Secretary who is unavoidably absent because of other official duties, I am very elected and delighted to be part of this ceremony to represent our great institution in this official launch of this colossal Project on "FROM HOUSE TO HOME: A DREAM COME TRUE" to be executed by ACTION FOR THE NEEDY (CEPROCUL) in partnership with The Latin American, Asian and African Social Housing Service (SELAVIP) founded in 1998 and 1971 respectively.

I want to salute the effort of CEPROCUL for once again standing out unique to match action with her vision of raising awareness on the housing rights of the vulnerable or needy persons comprising of the youths, women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

This project duped "from house to home: a dream come true" clearly ties with the Head of State's vision of 2035 emergence which entails our collective and individual effort.

The government has built low cost housing in Yaoundé, Doula, Bamenda etc for the middle class citizens and not for the needy and vulnerable reasons why this project is unique and timely. Last year, we saw the realization of a

colossal project named "Housing for Environmental Valorization". This project turned many lives around and the beneficiaries can eloquently testify.

The right to adequate housing, sanitation and shelter is a human right which must be respected, promoted and protected. Human right is all about people and citizen's participation to uphold its tenets. Therefore Human Rights Based Approach to Development laid emphasis on participation. Participation is the key to human growth and development, little wonder one prominent philosopher said "nothing about us without us". That is why the beneficiaries of these low cost "basic shelter" are all here present.

Whether vertical or horizontal, participation is very important in the growth and development of any country including ours. However, minimally, this humanitarian action shall provide concrete solutions to the housing difficulties of the poorest of the poor Urban and Rural populations.

Our prayer is that, in this project, let's do all what it takes to contribute to its successful realization. You can count on our support at all times.

CEPROCUL, we are proud of you. You are a partner indeed.

Long live CEPROCUL and SELAVIP

Long live Human Rights.

Thank you very much for your keen attention.

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