

Decree No. 2008/174 of 20 May 2008

Remission of Sentences in the Framework of the February 2008 Uprisings

The President of the Republic Hereby Decrees as Follows:

Article 1: Remission of sentences in respect of the February 2008 uprisings are accorded to persons whose jail terms have become final at the date of signature of the present decree as follows:

1. total remission of sentence in favour of those persons whose term of imprisonment is equal to or below one year;
2. a two thirds (2/3) remission of sentence in favour of those persons whose term of imprisonment is above one year.

Article 2: The provisions of article 1 above are not applicable to:

1. those convicts who have escaped at the date of signature of the present decree;
2. recidivists;
3. those persons detained as a result of a conviction for an offence committed during the period under which they were under detention.

Article 3: The Vice Prime Minister, Minister of Justice, Keeper of the Seals is responsible for the implementation of this decree which shall be published according to the procedure of urgency, then inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.

Yaounde, the 20th of May 2008

The President of the Republic,

Paul BIYA