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The government of the Republic of Cameroon is informing the national and international public that the case filed before the Africa commission on Human and People's Rights in 2003 by representatives of the Southern Cameroon National Council (SCNC) and the southern Cameroon's Peoples organization (SCAPO), filed by plaintiffs Kevin Ngwane Ngumne and others, against the Republic of Cameroon has been settled.

In its final decision the commission has rejected all the secessionist claims made by the representatives of the SCNC and SCAPO. The commission also rejected allegations that the Anglophone community is victim of violence and discrimination.

The decision made in the 45th session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights meeting from May 13 to 27, 2009, advised the SCNC and SCAPO to abandon all secessionist ambitions and to consider becoming a political party, and contribute to the welfare of Cameroon.

The commission also calls on the plaintiff to start a constructive dialogue with the state of Cameroon, addressing all the constitutional problems and other complaints raised by them, referring to the feeling that Anglophones are marginalized.

The African Commission offers to help implement the above recommendations at the national level.

According to the internal proceedings of the African Union, the above decision has been registered and approved at the last summit of heads of states and governments of the Panafrican organization in Syrte, Lybia on the 1st and 2nd of July 2009.

Signed Issa Tchiroma Bakary.