DECREE NO. 2021/745 OF 28 DEC 2021

to lay down conditions governing the exercise of some powers devolved by the State upon regions for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC,

Mindful of the Constitution;

- Mindful of Regulation No.04/01 014 UEAC 089 CM/06 of 3 August 2001 adopting the revised Community Highway Code;
- **Mindful** of Law No. 2001/15 of 23 July 2001 to lay down the conditions governing the activities of road carriers and road transport agents;
- Mindful of Law No. 2008/11 of 11 July 2008 to lay down the Cameroon Code of Transparency and Good Governance in Public Finance Management;
- **Mindful** of Law No. 2008/12 of 11 July relating to the fiscal regime of the State and other public entities;
- **Mindful** of Law No. 2019/24 of 24 December 2019 to institute the General Code of Regional and Local Authorities;
- **Mindful** of Decree No. 2011/408 of 9 December 2011 to organize the Government, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2018/190 of 2 March 2018,

HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

<u>ARTICLE 1:</u> This Decree lays down conditions governing the exercise of some powers devolved by the State upon regions for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport.

<u>ARTICLE 2:</u> The powers devolved by the State upon regions for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport shall concern:

- participation in regional interurban public transport infrastructure construction and management;
- participation in the promotion and coordination of road safety activities;
- development of the regional transport plan;
- issuance of some public transport documents



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<u>ARTICLE 3</u>: The powers devolved by the State upon regions for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport shall be exercised in accordance with the regulations in force.

<u>ARTICLE 4</u>: The powers devolved by the State upon regions for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport shall be exercised without prejudice to the following prerogatives and responsibilities of the State:

- formulation and implementation of Government's interurban public transport organization and management policy;
- definition and monitoring of the implementation of road safety rules and regulations;
- coordination and supervision of the activities of all public and private services that contribute to the organization of public passenger transport;
- setting up and checking of transport infrastructure construction and equipping standards;
- development of the multimodal plan for collective passenger and goods transport.

CHAPTER II PARTICIPATION IN INTERURBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

<u>ARTICLE 5</u>: Regions shall participate in the construction and management of regional interurban public transport infrastructure within their area of jurisdiction.

<u>ARTICLE 6</u>: Participation by regions in interurban public transport infrastructure construction and management shall mainly consist in:

- involvement in designing studies necessary for the building, maintenance and upkeep by the State of interurban lake, river or rail transport infrastructures of regional interest;
- contributing towards providing such infrastructure with the requisite furniture and equipment for their operation;
- involvement in laying down operating procedures for such infrastructure by the State;
- supporting councils in the construction, development and management of motor parks.

CHAPTER III PARTICIPATION IN THE PROMOTION AND COORDINATION OF ROAD SAFETY ACTIVITIES

<u>ARTICLE 7</u>: Regions shall participate in the promotion and coordination of road safety activities in their areas of jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 8: Participation in the promotion and coordination of road safety activities in their areas of jurisdiction shall consist in:

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- organizing local road safety campaigns, in conjunction with the relevant external services of the State;
- ensuring media coverage of regional road safety campaigns;
- installing and maintaining regional road signs.

CHAPTER IV DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN

<u>ARTICLE 9</u>: (1) Regions shall develop regional interurban public transport plans for their areas of jurisdiction.

(2) The regional interurban public transport plan must be consistent with national transport plans.

(3) The regional transport plan shall be adopted by the regional council.

<u>ARTICLE 10</u>: (1) The regional transport plan shall be a document to plan be used for integrated and optimal planning of passenger and goods transport systems and infrastructure.

(2) The regional transport plan shall contain information on the following:

- development of public transport and cost-effective and low-polluting means of travel:
- travel safety within the region;
- improvement of the fluidity of road, river and lake transport;
- facilitation of the movement of people within the region's area of jurisdiction.

<u>ARTICLE 11</u>: City council urban travel plans shall form an integral part of the regional transport plan.

CHAPTER V

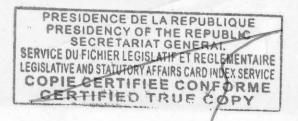
ISSUANCE OF SOME TRANSPORT DOCUMENTS

ARTICLE 12: Regions shall issue the following transport documents:

- the ordinary Category Four mixed transport licence;
- the special S4 licence for peri-urban and rural passenger transport by mini-bus;
- road carrier's cards for the abovementioned licences.

<u>ARTICLE 13</u>: The transport documents referred to in Article 12 above, issued by regions, shall be valid only within the territory of the said regions.

ARTICLE 14: (1) The transport documents referred to in Article 12 above shall be personal. As such, they may not be lent, transferred, rented or assigned free of charge or against payment.



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(2) The conditions governing the management of the fees for issuance of the documents referred to in Article 12 above shall be laid down by order of the minister in charge of finance.

CHAPTER VI

TRANSFER OF RESOURCES

<u>ARTICLE 15</u>: The devolution of powers by the State upon regions for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport shall be accompanied by the concurrent transfer of resources required for the exercise of such powers, in accordance with the regulations in force.

ARTICLE 16: Each year, the Finance Law shall provide for the resources required to exercise the powers devolved by the State upon regions for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport.

<u>ARTICLE 17</u>: In addition to the resources transferred by the State, regions may receive support from various partners in the exercise of the powers devolved for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport.

<u>ARTICLE 18</u>: Own revenue generated from transport infrastructure, as well as resources from the issuance of transport documents shall be public funds managed in accordance with public accounting rules.

ARTICLE 19: (1) Financial resources transferred by the State shall be included in the region's budget.

(2) The management of the abovementioned resources shall comply with the fiscal and accounting principles in force, subject to special provisions applicable to support from partners.

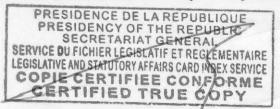
<u>ARTICLE 20</u>: Human and material resources earmarked for the exercise of the powers devolved by the State upon regions for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport shall be transferred to the regions in accordance with the regulations in force.

CHAPTER VII

MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

<u>ARTICLE 21</u>: The terms and conditions governing the exercise the powers devolved by the State upon regions for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport, as well as the use of related resources shall be laid down in the specifications adopted by order of the minister in charge of transport.

<u>ARTICLE 22</u>: Regions shall carry out the activities involved in the exercise of the powers referred to in Article 2 of this Decree with the support of the relevant deconcentrated government services, under the conditions laid down by the regulations in force.



<u>ARTICLE 23</u>: (1) The State shall ensure the monitoring, control and assessment of the exercise of the powers devolved upon regions for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport.

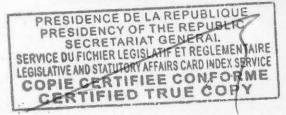
(2) The exercise of the powers devolved on regions within the context of their participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport shall be subject to the control of legality by the representative of the State in the Region, in accordance with the provisions of the General Code of Regional and Local Authorities.

<u>ARTICLE 24</u>: (1) The head of the regional executive shall prepare a six-monthly report on the status of implementation of the powers devolved upon regions for participation in the organization and management of interurban public transport.

(2) The report referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be submitted to the representative of the State within 30 (thirty) days of the end of the semester under review.

(3) Upon receipt of the said report, the representative of the State shall forward the same to the minister in charge of regional and local authorities and the minister in charge of transport within 15 (fifteen) days.

ARTICLE 25: This Decree shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.



Xaounde, 28 DEC 2021 DU PAUL BIYA PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC