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TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT SOME PROVISIONS OF LAW  $N_{\rm o}$ . 2010/1 OF 13 APRIL 2010 RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES IN CAMEROON

The Parliament deliberated and adopted, the President of the Republic hereby enacts the law set out below:

- SECTION 1.- The provisions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 of Law No.2010/1 of 13 April 2010 relating to the Promotion of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Cameroon are hereby amended and supplemented as follows: ' \*
- <u>"SECTION 1.- (new) (1)</u> This law lays down general rules governing the promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises, abbreviated as "SMEs", in accordance with the Cameroon Investment Charter.
- (2) SMEs shall be promoted through assistance for their establishment, incubation, growth and financing.
- <u>SECTION 2.- (new) (1)</u> This law shall in particular be applicable to very small enterprises, small enterprises and medium-sized enterprises.
- (2) After establishment and by number of full-time workers as well as turnover, enterprises shall be entered in the national SME register in one of the abovementioned categories and under conditions laid down by regulation.
- (3) The national register shall constitute a database showing a list of SMEs operating in Cameroon. It shall be kept by the ministry in charge of SMEs or by any other body so authorized.
- (4) Entry in the national SME register shall give entitlement to benefits under State programmes for SMEs.
- (5) Only enterprises in which 51% of the registered capital is held by Cameroonian nationals shall enjoy SME promotion-related benefits.
- <u>SECTION 3.- (new) (1)</u> For the purposes of this law, SME shall mean any enterprise, irrespective of branch of activity, employing at most 100 (one hundred) persons and having an annual pre-tax turnover of no more than CFAF 3,000,000,000 (three thousand million).
- (2) An SME shall be deemed established if it meets the legal existence and procedural requirements provided for by the laws and regulations in force.

SECTION 5.- (new) A small Enterprise shall be an enterprise having 6 (six) to 20 (twenty) employees and an annual pre-tax turnover of above CFAF 15,000,000 (fifteen million) and no more than CFAF 250,000,000 (two hundred and fifty million).

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<u>SECTION 6.-</u> (new) A Medium-Sized Enterprise shall be an enterprise having 21 (twenty-one) to 100 (one hundred) employees and an annual pre-tax turnover of above CFAF 250.000.000 (two hundred and fifty million) and below CFAF 3000.000.000 (three thousand million)".

<u>SECTION 2.-</u> This law which repeals all previous provisions repugnant thereto, shall be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French./-

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