

UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

PEACE - WORK - FATHERLAND

L A W No. 80/21 of 14 July 1980
to amend certain provisions of Ordinance
NO. 74/1 of 6 July 1974 to establish rules
governing land tenure.

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY has deliberated and adopted ;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC hereby enacts the law set out below :

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1. The provisions of Article 10(new) of ordinance No 74/i of 6 July 1974 to establish rules governing land tenure, as amended by Ordinance No. 77/1 of 10 January 1977, are hereby amended and replaced by the following new provisions :

"Article 10(new)" (1) Natural persons and corporate bodies of foreign nationality or Incorporation wishing to Invest in Cameroon as well as diplomatic and consular missions and International organizations may conclude lease agreements or purchase landed property, except in the border areas.

Deeds drawn up for this purpose shall be null and void unless they bear :

- the endorsement of the Minister in charge of Lands as concerns private individuals ;
- the endorsement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister in charge of Lands as concerns the diplomatic and consular missions and International organizations.

(2) Provided that the acquisition of landed property by diplomatic and consular missions accredited to Cameroon shall be authorized only on a reciprocal basis. The total area of land to be ceded shall not exceed 10,000 square metres for each mission, save as otherwise decided by the Government.

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(3) In the event of resale, the State shall have a pre-emptive right of purchase over the property taking account of the initial price, developments carried out, and amortization. Deeds drawn up for this purpose shall, be null and void unless they are submitted for prior approval to the Minister in charge of Lands.

(4) The purchases referred to above shall not entail the alienation of the resources of the subsoil.

2. This law shall be registered and published in the Official Gazette in French and English.

YAOUNDE, 14 July 1980

AHMADOU AHIDJO
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

POUR COPIE CERTIFIEE CONFORME
LE DIRECTEUR DE LA LEGISLATION

F.X. MBOUYOM

