

**Agreement between the Government of the United States of
America and the Government of the Republic of Cameroon
Regarding the Surrender of Persons to International
Tribunals**

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, hereinafter "the Parties,"

Reaffirming the importance of bringing to justice those who commit genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes,

Considering that the Parties have each expressed their intention to, where appropriate, investigate and prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide alleged to have been committed by their respective officials, employees, military personnel, and nationals,

Hereby agree as follows:

1. For purposes of this agreement, "U.S. persons" are current or former Government officials, employees (including contractors), or military personnel or U.S. nationals.
2. U.S. persons present in the territory of the Republic of Cameroon shall not, absent the express consent of the Government of the United States of America,
 - (a) be surrendered or transferred by any means to any international tribunal for any purpose, unless such tribunal has been established by the UN Security Council, or
 - (b) be surrendered or transferred by any means to any other entity or third country, or expelled to a third country, for the purpose of surrender to or transfer to any international tribunal, unless such tribunal has been established by the UN Security Council.
3. When the Government of the Republic of Cameroon extradites, surrenders, or otherwise transfers a U.S. person to a third country, the Government of the Republic of Cameroon will not agree to the surrender or transfer of that person by the third country to any international tribunal, unless such tribunal has

been established by the UN Security Council, absent the express consent of the Government of the United States of America.

4. This Agreement shall enter into force upon an exchange of notes confirming that each Party has completed the necessary domestic legal requirements to bring the Agreement into force. It will remain in force until one year after the date on which one Party notifies the other of its intent to terminate this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply with respect to any act occurring, or any allegation arising, before the effective date of termination.

Done at Yaounde this 1st day of December, 2003, in duplicate, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON:



George M. Staples
Ambassador

Francois-Xavier Ngoubeyou
Minister of State for
External Relations

