



Arrest of Professor Maurice KAMTO

Declaration of the German Society for International Law

At its meeting of 20 March 2019, the Board of the Society adopted the following declaration:

We learned with dismay of the arrest of Professor Maurice Kamto, an eminent international law scholar. We do not intend to interfere in the internal affairs of the Republic of Cameroon, but we would like to draw attention to the fundamental principles of international law, which our Society defends and promotes. We recall that sovereignty, while conferring rights on States, also imposes duties on them, including towards their own nationals.

In the past, the Republic of Cameroon has demonstrated its commitment to international law, notably before the International Court of Justice, before which it was often represented by Professor Kamto. We call on the Republic of Cameroon to respect the principles contained in the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights and in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, both of which have been ratified by Cameroon.