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## PRESS RELEASE

### FIFTH CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 IN CAMEROON

The Minister of Public Health hereby announces that a fifth case of COVID-19 has just been recorded on the national territory involving a 46-year old woman living in Strasbourg, France who arrived in Cameroon on 3 March. The patient is currently receiving proper treatment.

The Minister of Public Health calls on the population to further increase vigilance and follow the hygiene rules below :

- Regularly wash hands with running water and soap or use an alcohol-based solution
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow
- Avoid close contact with anyone presenting with flu-like symptoms or with wild or farm animals
- Thoroughly cook meat and other foods before eating them.

Moreover, any person who travelled out of Cameroon or had been in contact with a traveller from countries which reported COVID-19 cases, and presenting with flu-like symptoms such as runny nose, cough and/or fever should immediately dial **1510** to receive adequate treatment. **Once more, the Minister hereby calls upon all travellers from countries at risk and their respective families to behave in a more responsible manner in order to facilitate the work of the response mechanism and protect the community. They are advised to self-quarantine for 14 days before resuming any activity or coming into contact with people.**

While commending health care professionals for their selflessness and determination, The Minister of Public Health urges all community stakeholders to stay mobilized in facing COVID-19. /-



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