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## PRESS-RELEASE

The Minister of Sports and Physical Education, President of the Supervisory Committee of the 21st African Senior Women's Volleyball Championship, hereby informs the public that:

Under the Distinguished Patronage of the President of the Republic, His Excellency Paul BIYA, Cameroon will host and organise the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the African Senior Women's Volleyball Championship from 14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Under the auspices of the Confederation of African Volleyball (CAVB), this major international competition, shall take place at the Yaounde Multipurpose Sports Complex. According to information provided by CAVB, in addition to Cameroon, the host country, eighteen (18) African nations have announced their participation namely: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Congo, Ivory Coast, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda and Zambia. This is a record number of participants and a premium in the history of this competition.

In preparation for this African Championship, the Cameroon national team has been training for almost three (03) months in Cameroon, Slovenia and Croatia. As part of these training sessions, the Indomitable Volleyball Lionesses have played several matches against local and foreign teams. In Croatia, the Cameroon national team took part in a high level international competition in Puala from 17th to 22nd July 2023, where teams from the United States, Slovenia, Italy, Latvia, China, England, Turkey, Sweden and the Czech Republic, among others, competed. Out of 13 matches they played, the Indomitable Volleyball Lionesses recorded 9 wins and 4 defeats. The icing on the cake was that two of their players finished in the top 12 of the competition.

The Minister of Sports and Physical Education, hereby invites the Cameroonian sporting public to give a warm welcome to all the teams and support the Cameroon Indomitable Volleyball Lionesses with a patriotic spirit to achieve honourable results.

The first delegations for this competition have already arrived in Cameroon, starting with the Kenyan team. The Moroccan delegation is expected to arrive on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

The Minister of Sports and Physical Education, reiterates the determination of the Government of Cameroon to successfully organise this prestigious competition, in line with the success of the 2016 Senior Women's football AFCON, the 2020 Women's Handball Championship, the 2020 CHAN and the 2021 TotalEnergies AFCON.

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