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CIRCULAR N° ..... MINESUP /SG/ DPDSU of [June 11, 2012]

Concerning tobacco control in the central offices of the Ministry of Higher Education and public university institutions.

## The Minister of Higher Education

Ladies and Gentlemen

- Officials of the Ministry of Higher Education
- Heads of Public University Institutions.

Tobacco use is a world scourge. Face with the gravity of the situation, on May 23, 2003, the WHO adopted the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). This convention, ratified by Cameroon on October 31, 2005, has the force of law in our country.

The government, moreover, has put in place a multi-sectorial program to fight this pandemic. Young people, who represent more than half of the 20 million Cameroonians, are specially targeted since nicotine is addictive, and in view of their young age, this addiction will last their whole life long.

With regard to the foregoing, and bearing in mind the damage caused by the active or passive use of tobacco,

I have the honor of requesting that you would be so kind as to solemnly declare that your institutions are “Smoke-free spaces.” And that you will keep me advised of specific acts that you shall have undertaken to eradicate the use of tobacco in public spaces, thereby protecting non-smokers.

I very much appreciate the diligent enactment of the present circular. /

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