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# S. RES. 637

Requesting information on the Republic of Cameroon's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10, 2026

Mr. KAINE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved,*

2   **SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CAMEROON'S**  
3                   **HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.**

4       (a) STATEMENT REQUESTED.—The Senate requests  
5   that the Secretary of State, not later than 30 days after  
6   the date of the adoption of this resolution, submit to the  
7   Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the  
8   Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-  
9   tives, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assist-  
10   ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)), a statement re-

1 guarding Cameroon's human rights practices that has been  
2 prepared in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary of  
3 State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and the  
4 Office of the Legal Adviser at the Department of State.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted pursuant  
6 to subsection (a) should include—

7 (1) all available credible information concerning  
8 alleged violations of internationally recognized  
9 human rights by the Government of Cameroon, in-  
10 cluding—

11 (A) arbitrary and unlawful arrest, deten-  
12 tion, imprisonment, torture and cruel or inhu-  
13 mane treatment, including of people who are  
14 not citizens of Cameroon but have been re-  
15 moved to Cameroon by the United States Gov-  
16 ernment;

17 (B) violations of due process rights, includ-  
18 ing a description of any opportunity provided to  
19 people who are not citizens of Cameroon but  
20 have been removed to Cameroon by the United  
21 States Government to demonstrate that they  
22 have been wrongfully arrested, detained, or im-  
23 prisoned;

24 (C) enforced disappearances and arbitrary  
25 or unlawful killings, including extrajudicial

1 killings, including of people who are not citizens  
2 of Cameroon but have been removed to Cam-  
3 eroon by the United States Government;

4 (D) trafficking in persons, including forced  
5 or slave labor, including of people who are not  
6 citizens of Cameroon but have been removed to  
7 Cameroon by the United States Government;  
8 and

9 (E) treatment of and legal rights and sta-  
10 tus provided by the Government of Cameroon to  
11 people in Cameroon who are not citizens of  
12 Cameroon but have been removed to Cameroon  
13 by the United States Government;

14 (2) a description of the steps the United States  
15 Government has taken—

16 (A) to promote respect for and observance  
17 of human rights as part of the Government of  
18 Cameroon's activities;

19 (B) to discourage any practices that are  
20 inimical to internationally recognized human  
21 rights;

22 (C) to publicly or privately call attention  
23 to, and disassociate the United States and any  
24 security assistance provided for the Government

1 of Cameroon from, any practices described in  
2 subparagraph (B); and

3 (D) to assess, prior to removal, how the  
4 Government of Cameroon would treat people  
5 who are not citizens of Cameroon but have been  
6 removed to Cameroon by the United States  
7 Government, including—

8 (i) conducting individualized assess-  
9 ments of such individuals to determine  
10 whether the Government of Cameroon may  
11 send that person to their country of origin  
12 or last residence, and if so, whether the  
13 Government of Cameroon would provide  
14 them with meaningful opportunity before  
15 their removal to show that they may be  
16 persecuted, tortured, or otherwise harmed;  
17 and

18 (ii) ensuring that the Government of  
19 Cameroon would provide such individuals  
20 with legal immigration status, should they  
21 wish to remain in Cameroon, and would be  
22 treated humanely; and

23 (3) other information, including—

24 (A) an assessment from the Secretary of  
25 State of the likelihood that United States secu-

1 rity assistance (as defined in section 502B(d) of  
2 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.  
3 2304(d))) provided to Cameroon could be used  
4 in support of activities by government officials  
5 related to the rendition, trafficking, detention,  
6 or imprisonment of people who are not citizens  
7 of Cameroon but have been removed to Cam-  
8 eroon by the United States Government;

9 (B) any analysis conducted by the United  
10 States Government of the conditions to be faced  
11 in Cameroon by people who are not citizens of  
12 Cameroon but have been removed to Cameroon  
13 by the United States Government, prior to the  
14 rendition, removal, trafficking, detention, or im-  
15 prisonment of such individuals to Cameroon;

16 (C) an assessment from the Secretary of  
17 State of the conditions in any detention centers  
18 or prisons in Cameroon that may hold people  
19 who are not citizens of Cameroon but have been  
20 removed to Cameroon by the United States  
21 Government, including an assessment of allega-  
22 tions of torture and other gross violations of  
23 human rights;

24 (D) a description of any actions that the  
25 United States Government is taking to ensure

1           that the Government of Cameroon returns peo-  
2           ple who are not citizens of Cameroon but have  
3           been removed to Cameroon by the United  
4           States Government, in compliance with United  
5           States court orders regarding their return to  
6           the United States;

7           (E) a description of any actions that the  
8           United States Government is taking to address  
9           the risk of detention, torture, or forced dis-  
10          appearances of people who are not citizens of  
11          Cameroon but have been removed to Cameroon  
12          by the United States Government, or efforts to  
13          facilitate the detention, torture, or forced dis-  
14          appearances of such people;

15          (F) a description of any actions the United  
16          States Government is taking to protect people  
17          who are not citizens of Cameroon but are with-  
18          in the United States jurisdiction or effective  
19          control from unlawful rendering, trafficking, or  
20          other means of removal to Cameroon;

21          (G) all information regarding any agree-  
22          ment or financial transaction between the  
23          United States Government and the Government  
24          of Cameroon related to the rendition, removal,  
25          trafficking, detention, or imprisonment of indi-

1 individuals who are not citizens of Cameroon but  
2 have been removed to Cameroon by the United  
3 States Government;

4 (H) all information regarding any individ-  
5 uals sent to Cameroon by the United States  
6 Government in 2025 and 2026;

7 (I) a description of any actions that the  
8 United States Government is taking to facilitate  
9 the release or return of people who are not citi-  
10 zens of Cameroon but have been wrongfully re-  
11 moved to Cameroon by the United States Gov-  
12 ernment;

13 (J) all information regarding any assur-  
14 ances the United States Government sought or  
15 received regarding the treatment of people who  
16 are not citizens of Cameroon but have been re-  
17 moved to Cameroon by the United States Gov-  
18 ernment, prior to the rendition, removal, or  
19 trafficking of such individuals to Cameroon;

20 (K) all information regarding assurances  
21 the United States Government sought or re-  
22 ceived regarding the further rendition, traf-  
23 ficking, removal, or transfer of people who are  
24 not citizens of Cameroon, but have been re-  
25 moved to Cameroon by the United States Gov-

1           ernment to countries that are not Cameroon,  
2           including the human rights conditions for such  
3           individuals in those countries; and

4           (L) a summary of all meetings in 2025  
5           and 2026 between Government of Cameroon of-  
6           ficials and Washington-based officials of the  
7           United States Government.

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