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Subsequent to a posting in the social media, stating that Elections Cameroon (ELECAM) forbids electors from entering polling stations with their mobile phones, the Director General of Elections wishes to specify and clarify national public opinion in general, and electors in particular, on the following:

1 - access to a polling station by the citizen/elector with their mobile phone is not forbidden by the Electoral Law;

2 - according to Decision No.0033/D/ELECAM/DGE of 9 August 2018, published by the Director General of Elections, to lay down the organisation of polling stations for the 7 October 2018 presidential election, all operations carried out in each polling station notably, initial formalities before the opening of the poll, conduct of voting and vote counting are contained in, makes no mention of the use of mobile phones in polling stations in anyway whatsoever.

Incidentally, the Director General of Elections reminds each and every one that, in view of preserving the secrecy of the vote, a polling booth has been provided in each polling station. Also, the counting and tallying of votes will be done in full view of the public. These operations will be conducted in the presence of any voter who so expresses the desire, provided the hall can accommodate them without any discomfort.



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