

## PRESS RELEASE

### Gradual return to normal operations at the Port of Douala

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On Wednesday, 18 February 2026, **the Cameroon Business Organisation (GECAM)** invited representatives of the main stakeholders in the Port of Douala, including the Port Authority of Douala (PAD), the Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) and the Head of the Littoral 1 Customs Sector, for a second consultation dedicated to assessing the crisis related to the scanning of goods at the PAD, in light of the resolutions adopted during the first consultation on 12 February 2026.

At the end of the meeting, the business community:

**(1) Welcomes** the mobilisation of stakeholders, which has enabled a return to normal activities at the port of Douala, resulting in the resumption of container scanning operations by SGS since 17 February 2026, thus putting an end to the situation of double billing;

**(2) Welcomes :**

- The measures envisaged by the stakeholders with a view to reimbursing companies for sums unduly paid during the crisis period;
- The measures taken to speed up customs clearance operations, helping to ease congestion at the port of Douala.

**(3) Insists** on the need to continue consultations with all stakeholders in order to assess the impact of scanning operations on non-containerised flows, the additional costs of which will significantly affect the competitiveness of companies and the purchasing power of households.

The Cameroon Business Organisation therefore invites businesses to resume their import/export operations with confidence.



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