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PART 1: Review Comments

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Minor REVISION comments		
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Optional/General comments	<p>Peer Review for Article: "The Evolution of Cameroonian Cooperation with the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation: A Historical and Geopolitical Analysis"</p> <p>Overall Assessment: This article presents a comprehensive historical and geopolitical analysis of the relationship between Cameroon and Russia (formerly the Soviet Union), providing insights into their evolving alliances. It covers the historical context, ideological shifts, and contemporary implications of Cameroonian-Russian cooperation across multiple dimensions—political, military, economic, and cultural. The analysis highlights the complexity of Cameroon's non-aligned stance as it navigates between Western and Russian influence, particularly in light of Russia's re-engagement with Africa.</p> <p>Strengths:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Thorough Historical Context: The article provides a rich historical overview of Cameroonian-Russian relations, tracing back to the Cold War period when Cameroon received Soviet support. This historical approach offers depth and context that helps readers understand the ideological evolution and shifts in political objectives over time.Multi-dimensional Analysis: By examining political, military, economic, and cultural aspects, the article captures the nuanced nature of bilateral relations, with emphasis on defense and trade relations as well as Russia's broader African influence. This adds value to studies on African geopolitics and provides a balanced view of Russia's influence in the region.Use of Primary and Secondary Sources: The article's methodology incorporates a strong mix of primary sources (such as government records and public statements) and secondary academic resources. This enhances its reliability and provides a well-rounded view of the subject.Relevance to Contemporary Geopolitical Trends: The discussion on recent military agreements, particularly in the context of Russia's strategic positioning in Africa, is timely and relevant. The paper touches on significant issues like the implications of Russia's involvement in Cameroon's internal affairs and global food security—both	<p>The comments was accepted and some part of the manuscript has been adjusted. However, the author's don't want to go deeper due to the fact that the paper is part of a major thesis which is yet to be defended.</p>

	<p>critical areas in contemporary global studies.</p> <p>Weaknesses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Limited Critical Analysis of Russia’s Influence: While the article presents the benefits of Cameroonian-Russian relations, it would benefit from a deeper critical examination of the potential negative implications for Cameroon, especially in terms of dependency on Russian military support and its effects on internal conflicts, such as the Anglophone crisis.Narrow Exploration of Counter-Narratives: The article could be strengthened by addressing counter-narratives, such as alternative perspectives from Cameroonian political figures or critiques from international organizations regarding the human rights implications of the arms agreement with Russia. This would provide a more balanced perspective.Over-reliance on Historical Perspective: The paper’s focus on historical analysis somewhat overshadows the current geopolitical shifts, such as China’s influence in Africa and the multipolar dynamics in Cameroonian foreign policy. Expanding on these contemporary aspects would add valuable context and relevance.Insufficient Future Outlook: Although the paper touches on the potential consequences of Cameroonian-Russian cooperation, it lacks a strong forward-looking analysis that predicts potential scenarios for the future of this alliance. This would be beneficial for readers interested in geopolitical forecasts. <p>Scope for Publication: The article has significant potential for publication due to its relevance to African studies, international relations, and geopolitical research. Its historical depth, combined with its focus on the growing influence of Russia in Africa, makes it a valuable addition to journals focused on African and global studies. However, it requires some improvements in critical analysis and forward-looking commentary.</p> <p>Suggested Revisions for Publication:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Enhance Critical Analysis: Integrate more critical viewpoints on Russia’s military influence in Cameroon, specifically addressing potential risks and long-term consequences for Cameroon’s autonomy and domestic stability.Incorporate Broader Geopolitical Context: Explore the influence of other global powers, like China, in Cameroonian foreign policy and how Cameroon’s multipolar approach affects its relations with Russia.Expand Future Implications Section: Provide a more detailed discussion of future scenarios, including the impact of ongoing global tensions on Cameroon’s alliance with Russia.	
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	<p>4. Address Internal Criticisms: Add perspectives from Cameroonian political commentators or experts who may critique the Russian alliance, particularly in terms of human rights implications.</p> <p>Recommendation: With revisions, this article is well-suited for publication in a journal focused on African geopolitics, international relations, or post-Cold War studies. The insights it provides are valuable and timely, but enhancing the critical analysis and future outlook would make it even more impactful.</p>	
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PART 2:

	Reviewer’s comment	Author’s comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
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