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2. (SBU) The Ambassador and DCM met May 16 with Minister Ferdinand Ngoh Ngoh, the Secretary General (SG) of the Presidency and leading advisor to President Paul Biya. The Ambassador presented a copy of President Obama's Cameroonian national day greeting to Biya, and reiterated our request that Biya receive DAS Cynthia Akuetteh during her May 22-23 visit to Yaounde. Ngoh Ngoh was pleased to receive the POTUS letter but noted that Biya would likely be out of the country at the time of Akuetteh's visit. (Note: The Swiss Chargé told the Ambassador that Biya is going to Switzerland for vacation. **End Note.**)

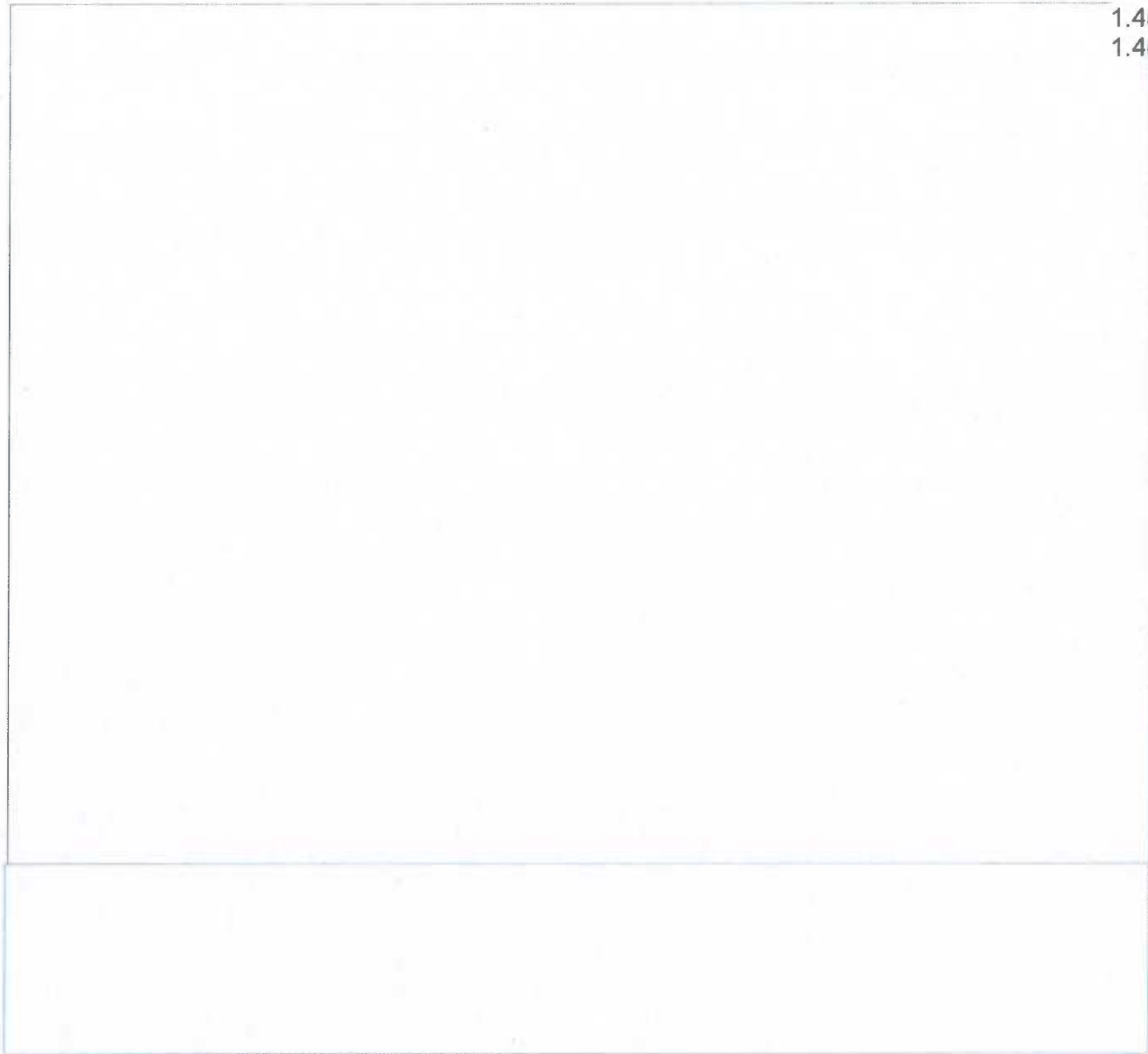
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**Trade and Investment Opportunities**

8. (SBU) Finally, the Ambassador urged the GRC to take faster action to seize several trade and investment opportunities involving American firms. He informed Ngoh Ngoh that, in response to a GRC solicitation, General Electric and ECC hoped to launch a badly needed, \$50 million emergency project to provide water to the city of Yaounde and had secured U.S. Ex-Im financing. He added that GE and ECC are interested in a larger, long-term \$600 million water project. Separately, we urged the GRC to make quickly a required \$3.6 million down payment that would permit Boeing to deliver two 787 Dreamliners to national carrier Camair-Co in 2015, rather than 2019, as originally planned. The Ambassador also urged the GRC to support the visit of Mercy Ships, a humanitarian medical vessel that is seeking to provide nine months of free medical care to needy Cameroonians in 2014. Ngoh expressed enthusiasm for all these projects and promised to follow up.

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