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**13th MEETING OF THE MILITARY COORDINATION COMMISSION
HELD IN DJIBOUTI**

The 13th meeting of the Military Coordination Commission (MCC) was held on 22 April 2002 in Djibouti in a relaxed and positive atmosphere. This was the first meeting following the decision by the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission (EEBC) on the delimitation of the border between the two countries, which was announced on 13 April, 2002.

The meeting was chaired by the Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE), Major-General Patrick Cammaert. Brigadier-General Peter Augustine Blay represented the Organization of African Unity (OAU). Ethiopia's military delegation was led by Brigadier-General Yohannes Gebremeskel, and Eritrea's military delegation was led by Brigadier-General Abrahaley Kifle.

Major-General Cammaert congratulated the two delegations on the decision by the EEBC, adding that the reaction to the decision from both parties had been very positive. Brigadier-General Blay also commended the armed forces of both parties for their professionalism and good discipline on the ground.

The Commission received a short briefing on the military situation in the Temporary Security Zone (TSZ) since the decision of the EEBC, which remains very calm. The Commission then engaged in an initial exchange of views on the implementation of the decision, as well as the military and security implications of the implementation process.

The MCC will meet more frequently in the period ahead to address matters related to implementation. The 14th session of the MCC will be held on 10 May 2002 in Djibouti.

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