



Press Release**UNOWA/CNMC/2005/2 (rev)****Border demarcation between Cameroon and Nigeria
to start in March 2005**

UNOWA, Dakar – 15 February 2005. A calendar for the Demarcation of the border between Cameroon and Nigeria was adopted at a meeting of the Joint Technical Team (JTT) of the Cameroon/Nigeria Mixed Commission which was held in Abuja from 7 to 9 February 2005.

According to this work plan, concrete pillars will be placed at mutually agreed points along the border. The placement of the pillars, which is open to bids for private contractors, is scheduled to begin in 2006. Several contractors have already expressed interest and are in the process of preparing bids for the preliminary works.

A pilot field project aimed at assessing the conditions on the ground will start on 7 March 2005. During one month, surveyors, cartographers and other technicians from Cameroon, Nigeria and the UN will deploy in the field, including in highly inhospitable areas such as high mountains and thick jungle, to assess the terrain and gather all the information necessary to identify individual pillar sites and boundary points. The field assessment will continue along the entire border later this year.

A subsequent meeting is scheduled to take place after the completion of the pilot field project in April.

Participants at this meeting of the JTT expressed their satisfaction at the progress made in this original peacebuilding initiative undertaken in the region.

The Joint Technical Team on land boundary demarcation is composed of technical experts from both Cameroon and Nigeria and from the United Nations. Its role is to carry out a field assessment of the boundary and to supervise the demarcation works carried out by outside contractors.

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