



Press Release**UNOWA/CNMC/2004/3****The Cameroon-Nigeria Land Boundary : field visits continue**

26 February 2004 - The Sub-Commissions on affected populations and on demarcation, subsidiary organs of the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission, carried out a field visit to the southern part of the land boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria.

The Mixed Commission was established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the request of the Presidents of Cameroon and Nigeria. This Commission constitutes an innovative approach to preventive diplomacy and the resolution of disputes between states. In view of this novel approach, members of the Sub-Commission on affected populations first visited the communities in the border areas of Lake Chad.

The two sub-commissions have completed a visit to the mountainous area of the land boundary where, according to the 10 October 2002 decision of the International Court of Justice, certain portions of territory must be transferred from Cameroon to Nigeria. In this process, the group visited the following villages in Cameroonian and Nigerian territory: Nyame Nyame, Tipsan, Yola, Dorofi, Yang, Bissaula, Mberorogo, Furu Awa, Danare, and Budam.

Since Tuesday, 24 February 2004, the group has moved to the Bakassi Peninsula, where it is scheduled to visit several villages until 28 February 2004. The group was received in Calabar (Nigeria) by the Governor of Cross River State.

For more information on the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission, please visit the web site at :

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