

**Press Release****UNOWA/CNMC/2005/5****Cameroon–Nigeria Mixed Commission soon to resume
its work after Geneva Summit**

UNOWA, Dakar – 14 May 2005. Following the Summit between the United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and Presidents Biya of Cameroon and Obasanjo of Nigeria on 11 May 2005 in Geneva, the Cameroon/Nigeria Mixed Commission will convene a new meeting within the next few weeks in Yaounde.

The Mixed Commission meeting will resume discussion on the continuation of the process of delimitation of the maritime boundary based on the ruling of the Court, and on the question of affected populations.

It will discuss the demarcation process and approve the report of its Joint Technical Team on the demarcation field work.

In addition, the Mixed Commission is expected to start working on a new programme of withdrawal of Nigerian troops from the Bakassi Peninsula, to be submitted to the two Presidents and the United Nations Secretary-General as soon as possible.

The Mixed Commission is a mechanism established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 15 November 2002 at the request of President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Paul Biya of Cameroon in order to facilitate peaceful implementation of the International Court of Justice judgment on the border dispute between Cameroon and Nigeria. It is increasingly seen by observers of the African political situation as a novel approach in preventive diplomacy and a new model for peaceful settlement of conflicts between states.

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