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**Cameroon and Nigeria to chart their maritime boundary  
and to plan the demarcation of a new section of the land boundary**

UNOWA – CNMC, Dakar 23 January 2007: The XVII<sup>th</sup> session of the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission (CNMC) is scheduled to take place on 25 and 26 January 2007, in Yaoundé.

Following a field visit along their maritime boundary in November 2006 involving surveyors and cartographers of the two countries and the United Nations, the Working Group on the Maritime Boundary is to finalize the geo-referencing of the British Admiralty Chart that the International Court of Justice referred to in its 10 October 2002 judgment into a known datum.

The Cameroon Nigeria Mixed Commission will also discuss the resumption of the demarcation of another 275 kilometers along rivers and watersheds, constituting Phase 2 of the demarcation exercise due to commence before mid-February 2007. On a length totaling more than 1,700 km, some 470 kilometers have already been demarcated.

The Bakassi Peninsula is on the agenda of the Mixed Commission as well, after the regular field visit carried out by the UN observers of the Mixed Commission from 9 to 14 December 2006. The report of the visit presents the situation as satisfactory concerning the rights of the affected population being respected after the withdrawal and the transfer of authority in August 2006.

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