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The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa Visits Guinea

UNOWA – Dakar, 4 January 2009: The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa, Said Djinnit, undertook a visit to Conakry on 3 January 2009 to hold discussions with key stakeholders after a group of military officers took power in the country following President Lansana Conté's death.

During his visit, he met with members of the National Council for Democracy and Development, including its President, Captain Moussa Dadis Camara, and its Vice-President, General Mamadou Toto Camara (who was recently appointed as Minister of Defence). Mr. Djinnit also held discussions with representatives from Guinean political parties, civil society and trade unions, members of the donor community and United Nations agencies operating in Guinea.

In these meetings, he stressed the need to ensure an early restoration of the democratic process, and emphasized the importance of holding elections with support and assistance from the international community.

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