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UNOWA – Dakar, 7 May 2008: Following his assumption of duties as Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for West Africa, Mr. Said Djinnit paid a courtesy call on President Abdoulaye Wade of Senegal on 2 May 2008.

President Wade welcomed the appointment of Mr. Said Djinnit as the new Special Representative for West Africa and assured him of his full support.

The discussions focused on the food crisis which is adversely affecting the countries of the sub-region, and the recent initiative of the Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon aimed at mobilizing decisive action by the international community to address this challenge.

President Wade provided the Special Representative with his perspective on the issue as well as other issues affecting peace, security and stability in the region.

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