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The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for West Africa meets with Vice President of Nigeria

UNOWA – Dakar, 25 February 2009: The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for West Africa and Chairman of the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission, Mr. Said Djinnit, met in Abuja on 23 February 2009 with Mr. Goodluck Jonathan, Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

During the meeting, they reviewed progress made in the delimitation of the boundary between Nigerian and Cameroon, in the preparation for the commencement of its demarcation and in creating conditions for the convening in Abuja of the 24th session of the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission. Vice President Jonathan reiterated his country's commitment to the process.

Mr. Djinnit held also consultations with Foreign Affairs Minister Chief Ojo Maduekwe on the matter who confirmed Nigeria's commitment to the process in the same terms.

Following a series of field assessments, 832 kilometers of land boundary between Cameroon and Nigeria are set for demarcation. Another 168 kilometers will be set for demarcation after formal approval by the Parties during the next meeting of the Mixed Commission. The demarcation process is expected to start soon.

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