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Cameroon and Nigeria commended for their continued commitment to the implementation of the ICJ ruling

UNOWA – Dakar, 29 May 2008: Mr. Said Djinnit, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for West Africa, undertook a visit to Cameroon from 25 to 28 May 2008 in his capacity as the new Chairman of the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission (CNMC).

He met with Mr. Inoni Ephraim, Prime Minister, Mr. Amadou Ali, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Justice and Head of Delegation to the CNMC, Mr. Laurent Easo, Senior Minister and Secretary-General of the Office of the President, Mr. Henri Eyebe Ayissi, Minister of External Relations, Mr. Remy Ze Meka, Minister in charge of Defense at the Office of the President, and other senior Government officials.

Discussions with his Cameroonian counterparts focused on the activities of the Mixed Commission, including the agenda of its next session scheduled for 19 and 20 June 2008 in Abuja.

The Mixed Commission was set up in November 2002 by the UN, at the request of Cameroon and Nigeria, to facilitate the implementation of the ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) of 10 October 2002 on the land and maritime boundary dispute between the two countries.

Mr. Djinnit also met with the Ambassadors of the Witness States to the Greentree agreement (France, Germany, United Kingdom and United States) and with the Head of Delegation of the European Union. The Greentree agreement provides Cameroon and Nigeria with provisions to implement the section of the ICJ ruling on the Bakassi peninsula.

Following his visit last week to Nigeria, Mr. Djinnit was encouraged by the strong commitment of Cameroon and Nigeria to the implementation of the ICJ judgment. In his various encounters in Yaoundé, he commended both parties, stating that their efforts provided an inspiring story to Africa and the rest of the world.

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