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UNOWA – CNMC, Dakar 04 July 2007: The Nineteenth Session of the Mixed Commission Cameroon-Nigeria (CNMC), scheduled 5 and 6 July 2007 in Yaoundé, will allow a review of what remains to be done in order to strengthen achievements already made and to prepare for futures activities.

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruling of 10 October 2002 included four sections: the Lake Chad area, where withdrawals and transfers of authority were completed in December 2003 as was the case for the demarcation of the land boundary in July 2004. The third withdrawal and transfer of authority took place in the Bakassi peninsula in August 2006 while the delimitation of the maritime boundary, the fourth section, was completed on May 2007.

The forthcoming session is aimed at providing the Mixed Commission with the opportunity to agree on a new approach to accelerate the demarcation of the land boundary. The Mixed Commission remains committed to demarcate about 1,000 kilometers (out of 1,700 kilometers) by the end of this year.

The meeting will also represent a venue for the parties to discuss the framework of cooperation on oil fields straddling the maritime boundary, on the protection of the affected populations including the preservation of the environment. These will enhance confidence building measures which are essential to ensure the sustainability of good relations between Cameroon and Nigeria.

The Cameroon/Nigeria Mixed Commission is a mechanism established by Secretary-General of the United Nations, on 15 November 2002 at the request of Presidents of Cameroon and Nigeria, to follow-up on the implementation of the decision of the International Court of Justice on the border dispute. It is chaired by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah.

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