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UNOWA - Dakar, 17 June 2008: The Twenty-Second Session of the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission (CNMC) will be held in Abuja, Nigeria, on 19 and 20 June 2008. The meeting will be chaired by its new Chairman, Mr. Said Djinnit, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa.

This session will allow for a review of what remains to be achieved in order to complete the implementation for the 10 October 2002 judgment of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the boundary dispute between the two countries.

It will also focus on initiatives aimed at meeting the needs of the affected populations in both countries and further assist Cameroon and Nigeria in their commitment to the peaceful implementation of the ICJ ruling as has been the case since October 2002.

The meeting will also present a venue for the Delegations of Cameroon and Nigeria to consolidate their achievements with further confidence-building measures between the two countries to help strengthen the partnership and increase mutual prosperity, stability and security.

The ICJ judgment covers four sections:

- (a) the Lake Chad area, where withdrawals and transfers of authority were completed in 2004;
- (b) the demarcation of the land boundary, an ongoing process on which Cameroon and Nigeria have already covered successfully a distance of 832kms of 1950 kms;
- (c) the withdrawal and transfer of authority in the Bakassi peninsula, effective since 14 August 2006 in accordance with the Greentree agreement at the exception of the "Zone" where the withdrawal and transfer of authority will take place on August 14, 2008; and
- (d) the delimitation of the maritime boundary, which was agreed upon on 11 May 2007.

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