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Mr. Youssef Mahmoud of Tunisia Appointed as New Head of MINURCAT

N'Djamena, 1 April 2010 – The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, appointed Mr. Youssef Mahmoud as his Acting Special Representative of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) to replace Mr. Victor Angelo, who retired at the end of March.

Mr. Mahmoud arrived in Chad on 21 March to lead a delegation sent by the UN Headquarters to conduct discussions with Chadian authorities on the future of MINURCAT.

Before his arrival in Chad, Mr. Mahmoud served for three years as Executive Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Integrated Office in Burundi (BINUB). He also assumed the responsibilities of Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the peacekeeping mission that preceded BINUB.

Since joining the United Nations in 1981, he has held several high profile positions, including serving as United Nations Resident Coordinator in Guyana and as Director in the Department of Political Affairs. He has also held posts with the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia and in the Office of Human Resources and Management in New York.

Mr. Mahmoud is a Tunisian national, and married with two children.

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