



## Press Release

### **Regional Human Rights Forum in Abeche, Chad**

**Abeche, 28 October 2009** – The government of Chad, represented by its Minister for Human Rights, Mr. Abderamane Djasnabaille, organized a two-day regional forum on human rights, from 27 to 28 October, in Abeche. MINURCAT provided support for the organization of the event. The regional forum convenes various stakeholders from the eastern parts of the country for discussions on the current challenges as well as ways and means of improving the human rights situation. The regional forums will lead up to a National Forum to be held from 23 to 25 November in the capital Ndjamena.

MINURCAT welcomes the government's initiative to make human rights protection one of its priorities. In accordance with its Security Council mandate, MINURCAT contributes to the monitoring, promotion and protection of human rights in Chad, with particular attention to the recruitment of children in armed forces and gender-based violence. MINURCAT is also called upon to support efforts aimed at strengthening the capacity of the Government of Chad and civil society through training in international human rights standards in cooperation with UN agencies.

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