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Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary General for Peacekeeping Operations, on Visit to Chad

N'Djamena, Chad – The Under Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, undertook an official visit to Chad on 25 January 2008.

During his visit, Mr. Guéhenno met with His Excellency Mr. Idriss Deby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad. The two personalities had an overall look at the security and political situation, and discussed ways to make progress in the attainment of peace in the sub-region. During their meeting, Mr. Guéhenno thanked the President for his support to the deployment of the United Nations Mission in Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT). The Chief for Peacekeeping Operations also met several local authorities, and conveyed his gratitude for their unconditional support in the establishment of MINURCAT in Chad.

Furthermore, Mr. Guéhenno exchanged views with members of the diplomatic corps on issues concerning peace and security in the sub-region. He held talks with General Jean-Philippe Ganascia, EUFOR Chad/CAR Force Commander, to discuss the time frame of the imminent deployment of the European Force and the need for coordination with MINURCAT.

Upon arrival, Mr. Guéhenno visited MINURCAT headquarters and met with staff members to assess progress made in the organization and the deployment of the Mission as well as future challenges. The Under Secretary-General left Chad on board a UN plane early this morning, 26 January 2008.

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