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The Security Council Adopts Resolution 1861 (2009) for the Deployment of 5,200 Peacekeepers in Chad and CAR to Take over from EUFOR

N'Djamena, 15 January 2009 – Through the UN Resolution 1861 adopted in New York on 14 January 2009, the Security Council approved the deployment of 5,200 peacekeepers to replace the European troops in eastern Chad and northeastern Central African Republic from 15 March 2009.

Norway is among the first countries to express interest in participating in the new UN Force. In that vein, the Norwegian Minister of Defense, Ms. Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen, arrived in Chad on Wednesday for consultations. Norway will contribute to this Force by operating a field hospital staffed with 150 medical personnel based in the Chadian eastern town of Abeche.

Ms. Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen met on Thursday with both Chadian and UN authorities, including the Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Chad to MINURCAT and EUFOR, the Ministers of External Relations and Defense, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of MINURCAT, Mr. Victor Angelo.

The Norwegian Minister will visit Abeche and Farchana on Friday, 16 January.

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