



## Press Release

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### **Ghanaian contingent joins MINURCAT**

**N'djamena, 14 May 2009** – A Ghanaian contingent of 131 soldiers has joined the UN peacekeeping mission in Chad and the Central African Republic known as MINURCAT. The newly arrived Ghanaian peacekeepers are currently in transit and will replace departing troops in the Farchana area of eastern Chad. MINURCAT welcomes this important contribution from a neighbouring African nation.

The Ghanaian troops come to supplement the initial deployment of some 71 blue helmets last March. At full strength, MINURCAT will include a total number of 800 Ghanaian peacekeepers.

MINURCAT is mandated to protect civilians in danger, particularly refugees from neighbouring Darfur and internally displaced persons as well as to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid and the free movement of humanitarian personnel. Blue helmets also protect United Nations personnel, facilities, installations and equipment.