



## **Press Release**

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## **DIS Ground Operations Get a Boost with 74 New 4X4 Vehicles**

**N'Djamena, 3 March 2010** – The United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) on 23 March 2010 handed over 74 pick-up trucks to the Chadian security unit known by its French acronym of DIS (*Détachement intégré de Sécurité*), and tasked with protecting refugees and IDPs in eastern Chad.

The new four-wheel drive vehicles bought through the UN Trust Fund, will add to an already important car-fleet of the DIS, and help reinforce its ground activities.

The DIS continues to play a key role in providing security around and inside refugee camps and IDP sites in eastern Chad, home to hundreds of thousands of vulnerable people, mostly women and children.

The handover ceremony of vehicles took place in the Police Academy in the presence of a number of authorities, including Major General Oki Mahamat Yaya Dagache, Special Representative of the President of the Republic, the Heads of the National Police and Gendarmerie, as well as the Commander-in-Chief of the DIS. Several members of the Diplomatic Corps were also present. The United Nations System was represented by Mr. Victor Angelo, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, along with the Deputy Special Representative and several Heads of Agencies.

The ceremony coincides with the arrival in Chad of an important delegation from UN Headquarters to continue talks with Chadian authorities on the future of MINURCAT. The delegation, which is led by Assistant-Secretary-General, Youssef Mahmoud, will be in the Chadian capital until 31 March 2010.

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