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SRSJ Djinnit met with President Issoufou of Niger

Dakar, 10 June 2014 - In continuation of his consultations with leaders in the West African region, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa, Mr. Said Djinnit met with President Mahamadou Issoufou of Niger in Niamey yesterday 9 June.

SRSJ Djinnit reviewed with President Issoufou developments in the region and the increasingly destabilising activities of terrorist groups including Boko Haram. In this regard, President Issoufou assured SRSJ Djinnit of his country's continued commitment to regional initiatives to address terrorism in the region and in the Lake Chad area.

Similarly, President Issoufou reaffirmed his country's continued engagement and that of the G5, in the collective efforts by the international community to address the multifaceted challenges facing the Sahel region.

Mr. Djinnit seized the opportunity to encourage national stakeholders towards further consolidating the democratic achievements in the country. He urged them to come together and forge a solid front against the various security challenges facing the country and the region.

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