

**COMMUNIQUÉ ADOPTED AT THE TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF
THE CAMEROON-NIGERIA MIXED COMMISSION ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO THE GENEVA JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ OF 15
NOVEMBER 2002**

COMMUNIQUE

Abuja, 23 July 2011

1. The Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission established pursuant to the Joint Communiqué adopted at the Summit Meeting between His Excellency Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon and His Excellency Olusegun Obasanjo, the then President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which took place in Geneva on 15 November 2002, in the presence of His Excellency Kofi Annan, then Secretary General of the United Nations, held its Twenty-Eight Ordinary Meeting in Abuja from 22 to 23 July 2011. His Excellency Ambassador Saïd Djinnit, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations, chaired the deliberations of the Mixed Commission. His Excellency Amadou Ali, Vice-Prime Minister of Cameroon, and Prince Bola Ajibola, CFR, of Nigeria led the delegations of Cameroon and Nigeria, respectively.
2. The Mixed Commission took note of the strong message that the presence of the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria H.E. Arc. Mohammed Namadi Sambo, GCON, at the opening ceremony sent to the Delegations regarding the commitment and support of Nigeria Highest Authorities towards the completion by the end of 2012 of the demarcation process according to the 2002 ruling of the International Court of Justice.
3. The Mixed Commission decided that the Chairman shall send a letter of congratulations to the President and Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for their recent election

4. The Mixed Commission congratulated the Head of Cameroon delegation to the Sub-commission on demarcation, Prof. Maurice Kamto for his election as Chair of the International Law Commission of the United Nations. It also congratulated Dr. M.B. Ahmad, mni, for his appointment as the Director General of the National Boundary Commission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
5. The Mixed Commission considered and adopted the reports of the Third Extraordinary meeting of the Sub-commission on demarcation in Yaoundé from 13 to 14 April 2011 and of the 27th meeting of the Sub-commission on demarcation in Abuja from 18 to 23 July 2011. It commended the members of the Joint Technical team for their perseverance during the field assessment conducted from 15 May to 10 June 2011 under adverse geographic and weather conditions.
6. The Mixed Commission reiterated its determination to complete the cartographic demarcation work by the end of 2012 and stressed the need for a comprehensive planning of remaining tasks including the assessment of all boundary lines, the extraction of coordinates and the drawing of the final mapping to be adopted by the Parties under a format still to be determined.
7. In order to meet the objective of end of 2012, the Mixed Commission instructed the Sub-commission on demarcation to proceed with the assessment of skipped areas, areas of disagreement and inaccessible areas as per the following approach: the Joint technical team will focus only on the provision of technical solutions while conducting field assessment missions, and, when necessary, it will be supported by the guidance provided jointly by the legal experts. If need be, the Sub-commission on demarcation will be requested to conduct field assessment missions with the Joint Technical Team, in order to take appropriate decision. Inaccessible areas will be assessed through the methodology of in-office evaluation using the Digital Elevation Model during the Brindisi workshop.
8. The Mixed Commission stressed the need to complete those remaining demarcation activities in a positive spirit, building upon the environment of

trust and confidence commended by the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in his opening speech and reiterated by the Heads of Delegations.

9. The Mixed Commission indicated that the material aspect of the demarcation relating to pillar emplacement may be conducted concomitantly with the technical demarcation activities and may be pursued beyond 2012.
10. The Mixed Commission noted with appreciation the progress reported by the UN Resident Coordinator for Nigeria and the representative of the UN Country team for Cameroon, regarding the confidence building initiatives in favour of the populations affected by the demarcation. It commended the efforts of the United Nations to emphasize the human dimension of the demarcation process and its commitment to support the development of cross border socio-economic initiatives towards harmonious co-existence between populations on both sides of the boundary and sub-regional security, peace and stability.
11. The Mixed Commission welcomed the proposal of the Chairman to convene a high level meeting between the leadership of the CNMC and Follow-up Committee and the Secretary General of the United Nations, depending on his availability, on the occasion of the next meeting of the Follow-up Committee scheduled to be held in New York from 17 to 18 November 2011 to review progress in the implementation of the ICJ ruling and the Greentree Agreement.
12. The Mixed Commission also endorsed the proposal to participate in a conference convened by the United Nations on that same occasion on the demarcation process of the Cameroon Nigeria boundary as a peaceful means for settling the boundary dispute and a tool for conflict prevention
13. The twenty-nine session of the Mixed Commission will be held in Yaoundé from 8 to 9 December 2011, with the possibility of extension to 10 December 2011.