COMMUNIQUÉ ADOPTED AT THE THIRTY SECOND SESSION OF THE CAMEROON-NIGERIA MIXED COMMISSION ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE

GENEVA JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ OF 15 NOVEMBER 2002

Abuja, 2 February 2014

- 1. The Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission established pursuant to the Joint Communiqué adopted at the Summit Meeting which took place in Geneva on 15 November 2002 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, in the presence of His Excellency Kofi Annan, then Secretary General of the United Nations, held its Thirty Second Ordinary Meeting in Abuja on 1st and 2 February 2014. Mr. Saïd Djinnit, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, chaired the deliberations of the Mixed Commission. Vice-Prime Minister Amadou Ali and Attorney-General Mohammed Bello Adoke, CFR, SAN, led the Delegations of Cameroon and Nigeria, respectively.
- 2. The Mixed Commission presented condolence to the Delegation of Cameroon for the passing of Mr. Ernest Bodo Abanda, former Surveyor General of Cameroon and Head of the Delegation of Cameroon to the Joint Technical Team, and Mr. Abanda Atangana Anicet, Technical Advisor to the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic of Cameroon.
- 3. The Mixed Commission considered and adopted the report of the 31st meeting of the Sub-commission on Demarcation held in Abuja from 31 January to 01 February 2014. It commended the Joint Technical Team for the successful conclusion of the working session with the Cartographic Section of the United Nations and expressed its satisfaction with the schedule of work with regard to the production of the final maps of the land and the maritime boundary.
- 4. The Mixed Commission was pleased to note that the new contracts for the emplacement of pillars along the boundary are being implemented. It expressed confidence that the Project Steering Committee and the United Nations will manage these within time and budget as planned. The Mixed Commission requested the United Nations to prepare a budget estimate

covering the remaining demarcation works for the purpose of timely resource mobilization.

- 5. The Mixed Commission considered and adopted the report of the Independent Expert Team contracted to examine the issue pertaining to a section of the Keraua (Kirewa or Kirawa) River and determining the main channel of the Mayo Tiel River around the Wuro Hausa village. The Mixed Commission expressed satisfaction with the results achieved on these issues, which paved the way for completion of the field assessment in these areas.
- 6. The Mixed Commission reviewed all outstanding issues regarding the field assessment and endorsed the course of actions to resolve them. As recommended by the Sub-Commission on Demarcation, it further decided to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the Sub-commission on Demarcation on 4 and 5 March 2014 in Yaoundé in order to reach a common understanding on paragraphs 103 to 114 of the judgement of the International Court of Justice.
- 7. The Mixed Commission noted the update made by the United Nations Country Team on the confidence building projects to assist the populations affected by the demarcation process. It also welcomed the increasing cooperation between Cameroon and Nigeria at bilateral level.
- 8. The Mixed Commission watched the documentary-film produced on the implementation of the judgement. It encouraged the United Nations to finalize the film with highlights on ownership of the process by the Parties so as to document it and promote the work of the Mixed Commission as a model for peaceful resolution of boundary disputes.
- 9. The Thirty-third Session of the Mixed Commission will convene in Yaoundé on 17 and 18 April 2014, with a possibility of extension to 19 April 2014 and the Thirty fourth Session will convene in Abuja on 17 and 18 July 2014, with a possibility of extension to 19 July 2014.