



## Press Release

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### **SRSG, Victor Angelo, Holds his First Press Conference and Spells out the Complementarity between MINURCAT and EUFOR**

**N'Djamena, Chad** – The Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) in Chad, Mr. Victor Angelo, today held his first press conference since his arrival in the country on 7 March 2008. Mr. Angelo was accompanied by the Force Commander of the European Force (EUFOR), Brigadier-General Jean-Philippe Ganascia, sitting by his side.

The SRSG clarified the complementarity between in the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Central African Republic and Chad (MINURCAT) and EUFOR, the two entities of the multidimensional force authorized by the Security Council Resolution 1778 (2007). "MINURCAT and EUFOR are two sister-institutions born of the same Security Council Resolution," Mr. Angelo said. "Under this Resolution, both MINURCAT and EUFOR have the mandate to operate in Chad and Central African Republic in the areas bordering the Darfur Region," he added. "While EUFOR has overall security responsibility, MINURCAT is in charge of the protection of refugees and IDPs inside the camps," he further explained. The overall objective not only aims at creating the conditions conducive to the work of humanitarian personnel in the areas, but it also favors the gradual return of refugees and IDPs to their original homes.

Concerning specific tasks to be undertaken by MINURCAT, the SRSG said it will monitor and promote human rights inside and outside the camps, as well as assist national authorities in Chad and Central African Republic in establishing rule of law through an independent judiciary and strengthened legal system. This work will be undertaken by a special force of 850 well-trained Chadian police and gendarme who will be deployed in the refugee and IDP areas.

MINURCAT at full strength will have 305 United Nations Police Officers, 50 Military Liaison Officers, and 260 Security Officers.

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