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VISIT OF THE UN UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

The UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Mr. Jean-Marie Guehenno, will visit Georgia from 14-17 February 2005.

As part of his official programme, the Under-Secretary-General will meet with Georgian officials in Tbilisi and Abkhaz de facto authorities in Sukhumi to discuss current issues related to the peace process, as well as the forthcoming Geneva meeting of the Group of Friends of the UN Secretary-General, scheduled for the spring. Mr Guehenno will also meet with the Tbilisi-based representatives of Group of Friends of the UN Secretary-General, the commander of the CIS PKF, and representatives of international organizations, civil society and UNOMIG military and civilian staff.

This will be Mr. Guehenno's third visit to Georgia. The Under-Secretary-General made his first visit to the region in November 2002, and returned a year later in November 2003.

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