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**UN UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS
ARRIVES IN TBILISI**

The UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Mr. Jean-Marie Guehenno, arrived to Tbilisi today, 14 February 2005. "These are dynamic times in Tbilisi and Sukhumi -I came here to see whether this dynamic can be used to move forward in the peace process," Mr. Guehenno said upon his arrival.

As part of his official programme, the Under-Secretary-General will meet with Georgian officials in Tbilisi and Abkhaz de facto officials 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 the Group of Friends of the UN Secretary-General, the Commander of the Commonwealth of Independent States Peace Keeping Force, and representatives of international organizations, civil society and UNOMIG military and civilian staff.

The Under-Secretary-General will remain in Georgia until 17 February 2005, and this marks his third visit. Mr. Guehenno first visited UNOMIG and Georgia in November 2002, and returned a year later in November 2003.

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