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Georg Charpentier, new Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General a.i. in the CAR, assumed duty

Bangui, March 3, 2014 - The Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General a.i. of the United Nations, Georg Charpentier, arrived in the CAR on March 1, and has immediately assumed duty. Mr. Charpentier will also serve as the Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Central African Republic at the level of Assistant Secretary General (ASG).

"It is an honor and a pleasure to contribute to the UN efforts in the Central African Republic at an important moment in its history," Mr. Carpenter said after his arrival, adding that "the entire UN family will enhance its support to the Central African Republic for a successful transition, and will accompany the CAR and its people to a durable development"

Georg Charpentier arrives in the Central African Republic with a rich experience gained in various positions of responsibility within the UN system, including as Director of the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery in Geneva. In this capacity, he participated in several inter-agency missions covering transition and recovery, small arms and demobilization.

Prior to his appointment on 20 February by the Secretary General, Georg Charpentier was the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Humanitarian and Development Coordinator and Resident Representative of UNDP in Libya, since September 2011. Previously, he served as a Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Sudan and Côte d'Ivoire. Mr. Carpenter also served as Humanitarian and Development Coordinator and Resident Representative of UNDP in Burkina Faso and Burundi.

Georg Charpentier is from Finland, and is married and has three children.

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