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ANNADIF IN NIGER: "The United Nations will remain committed alongside Niger and its people to consolidate peace and democracy"

Dakar, 12 June 2021- The Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office in West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS), Mahamat ANNADIF, concluded a two-day visit to Niger.

This visit is part of his familiarization tour with the authorities in the sub region, in his new capacity as of Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel.

During his visit, Mr. ANNADIF was received in audience by His Excellency, the President of Niger, Mohamed Bazoum. He also had talks with the Prime Minister, the President of the National Assembly, and the United Nations country team.

Discussions focused on various topics related to the national and regional situation, especially actions to be implemented to better support the efforts of Niger and the G5 Sahel countries in their fight against terrorism, and to put an end to insecurity.

The Special Representative condemned all terrorist acts and expressed his sympathy and support to the Government and people of Niger for the loss of life caused by cowardly and heinous attacks.

Mr. ANNADIF also welcomed the democratic transition and encouraged Nigeriens to maintain their mobilization to consolidate peace and democracy. "The United Nations will remain engaged alongside Niger and its people," he said.

The Special Representative also interacted with the United Nations country team. He praised the continued commitment of the UN agencies, which confirms a quality partnership, necessary to support Niger in its efforts for development and the consolidation of peace.

Before leaving Niamey, Mr. ANNADIF paid a courtesy visit to the former President of the Republic of Niger, Mahamadou Issoufou.

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