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Excellency,

Building on the recommendation to continue strengthening synergies between the Peacebuilding Fund and the Peacebuilding Commission as contained in the report on the Peacebuilding Commission's tenth session, I am pleased to provide the list of projects approved by the Peacebuilding Support Office during the first quarter of 2021.

In compliance with the PBF's Terms of Reference and Guidelines, all submissions have been reviewed by the Peacebuilding Project Review Group and recommended for approval by PBSO's Project Appraisal Committee. Please note the amount indicated below is the total project budget approved. Typically, these amounts are disbursed in two or more tranches linked to performance conditions and contingent on availability of funds in the PBF. In addition, given some administrative conditions, some fund transfers remain pending.

In **Burkina Faso**, PBSO **approved** the project "*Appui à la Coordination et au Suivi des Projets du Fonds pour la Consolidation de la Paix (PBF) au Burkina Faso*" (**\$1,200,000**). The project aims to support the governance, coordination and monitoring and evaluation of the PBF portfolio in Burkina Faso. It will support the Resident Coordinator, the Joint Orientation Committee and the Technical Monitoring Committee in their coordination, oversight and monitoring and evaluation of Burkina Faso's peace consolidation portfolio. It will also monitor the evolution of the context and the factors of conflict in order to better inform the PBF support. UNFPA is the implementing partner, on behalf of the UN Resident Coordinator's Office.

In **Burundi**, PBSO **approved** the project "*Connecting the Global to the Local: Strengthening Women's Leadership for the Localization of the UN Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security in Burundi*" (**\$1,000,000**). The objective of this project is to expand the peacebuilding impact of the Women Mediators' network in Burundi by supporting its institutionalization and sustainability, strengthening its capacities to resolve and prevent community conflicts and enabling it to contribute to the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security in Burundi. UN Women and the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in Burundi are the implementing organizations.

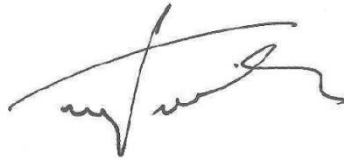
Please note the relatively low level of approvals was expected in the first quarter of the year and is anticipated to increase steadily in the next three quarters. This relatively reduced level of approval is the result of additional time requested by Resident Coordinators and Country Teams to prepare proposals and the reduced visibility on future funding in January before the Replenishment Conference.

His Excellency
Mr. Mohamed Fathi Ahmed Edrees
Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission

I would be grateful if you could share this information with the members of the Peacebuilding Commission.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oscar Fernández-Taranco', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Oscar Fernández-Taranco
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for Peacebuilding Support