Note from the Chairperson

The Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) presents his compliments to the members of the Organizational Committee and wishes to recall the address of the President of the Republic of Guinea, H.E. Mr. Alpha Conde, at the General Debate of the 71st Session of the General Assembly on 23 September 2016, indicating that the resolutions on the review of the peacebuilding architecture provided an opportunity for a review of the content and the scope of Guinea’s engagement with the PBC with a view to aligning it with the needs of the country.

The Chairperson also wishes to recall that a delegation from the Commission, composed of representatives of Burkina Faso, Guinea and Japan, visited Guinea in November 2016 to conduct a review of the engagement between Guinea and the PBC from 2011 to 2016. The findings of that review are contained in a report that, with the approval of the Government of Guinea, was circulated to the PBC on 24 April 2017 (attached herewith for ease of reference).

In this connection, the Chairperson wishes to refer to paragraphs 45 and 46 of that report, which recommend that the Commission terminate the country configuration for Guinea, and that Guinea keeps the flexibility to seek the Commission’s support in line with the resolutions on the peacebuilding architecture review.

Therefore, unless the he receives indications to the contrary by 5 PM on Wednesday, 12 July 2017, the Chairperson will take it that the Member States of the Organizational Committee agree to terminate the PBC country configuration for Guinea, while maintaining the PBC as a platform to support Guinea in a flexible manner upon the request of the Government of Guinea.

The Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the members of the Organizational Committee the assurances of his highest consideration.

All Members of the Organizational Committee