

to: Members of the PBC (OC & CSMs)

6 July 2012

Meeting of the PBC Chairs

Summary No. 2012/55

The meeting was attended by Bangladesh (Chair), Croatia (Vice-Chair), Brazil (Chair of the Guinea-Bissau Configuration), Canada (Chair of the Sierra Leone Configuration), Luxembourg (Chair of the Guinea Configuration), Sweden (Chair of the Liberia Configuration), Switzerland (Chair of the Burundi Configuration), and Japan (Chair of the Working Group on Lessons Learned). The PBSO was also present. The meeting was chaired by the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh and addressed the following subjects:

Key messages for the PBC Chair's Statement at the SC debate on the PBC annual report/thematic debate (scheduled for 12 July)

1. The Chair informed the Group that he received an invitation from the President of the Security Council to participate in the debate on Post-conflict Peacebuilding on 12 July. In this context, and following the discussion held at the recent expert-level meeting of the Chair's Group, the Chair invited the Group to provide comments and suggestions on the remarks that he will deliver on behalf of the Commission as a whole. The Chairs concurred that the debate represents a good opportunity for the PBC to attract attention from and to strengthen its relations with the Security Council. They agreed that the PBC Chair's statement should highlight the positive impact of the work of the Commission in the countries on its agenda and it should focus on a few proposals to make the work of the Commission more valuable to the Council.

Preparations for upcoming informal OC meetings (9 and 20 July)

9 July

i) Consultations on Civilian Capacity

2. The Chair informed that GA resolution 66/255 on civilian capacities requires the Secretary-General to consult with Member States, including through the PBC as he prepares his next report on the subject. To this end, the Chair invited Ms. Susana Malcorra, Chef de Cabinet and Chair of the Steering Committee on CivCap, to provide an update on the preparatory work for the report and to hear the views of the members regarding the specific areas of particular interest to the PBC. The Chairs welcomed the initiative and noted that the PBC can

play an important role in the context of the civilian capacity report in view of the important role that the Commission plays in the countries on its agenda. They also noted that peacebuilding and civilian capacity development in the countries on the PBC agenda are complementary.

ii) Resource Mobilization for Peacebuilding Priorities: The role of the PBC

3. The Chair informed that he wishes to convene a policy discussion on the role of the Commission in resource mobilization, in response to the OC's prioritization of resource mobilization as a top priority of the PBC in 2012, as per the Roadmap of Actions. The discussion will be based on a paper prepared by PBSO. PBSO presented its paper on *Resource Mobilization for Peacebuilding Priorities: The Role of Peacebuilding Commission (PBC)*. It noted the paper provides a menu of recommendations that the Chairs are invited to consider in relation to the country-specific needs and circumstances. PBSO also added that each resource mobilization strategy needs to be aligned with the priorities agreed in the instruments of engagement. PBSO further underlined that resource mobilization cannot be a sole responsibility of the Chairs and that it requires the commitment of all members of each configuration. The Chairs welcomed the document and, in particular, the idea of diversifying the channels for resource mobilization including through approaching philanthropic organizations and foundations. Some the Chairs also underlined that the focus on resource mobilization should not give an impression that the PBC's role is confined to this aspect, and that the Commission's role in the area of political accompaniment is equally significant. The Chairs also concurred with the need to further engage PBC members in resource mobilization initiatives.

20 July

i) Consultations on the upcoming SG report on peacebuilding

4. The Chair recalled that in its PRST of 13 October 2010, the Security Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report by October 2012 on further progress made in implementing his agenda for action which he introduced in his 2009 report on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict. The PRST has requested the Secretary-General to take into consideration the views of the Peacebuilding Commission. In this regard, the Chair informed that PBSO will present to the Organizational Committee on 20 July an overview of the emerging issues and recommendations of the report and will seek the Committee's views. PBSO noted that the interaction will provide an update to the PBC on the status of the report but, more importantly, it will give the opportunity to the Commission to reflect on its role in the overall framework of the UN peacebuilding agenda. PBSO also informed

that an issues paper containing key elements to guide the discussion will be circulated to Member States ahead of the meeting.

ii) Mid-year assessment of progress in the implementation of the 2012 Roadmap of Actions

5. The Chair informed that, following the outcome of the working-level meeting of the OC which took place on 22 May, a discussion will be held on 20 July on a mid-year assessment of progress and challenges which the PBC made and faced in implementing the main priorities of the 2012 Roadmap of Actions (namely in the areas of resource mobilization, relationships within the UN and PBC working methods).

Other matters

6. The Chair confirmed that preparations are ongoing for the High-level event entitled "Peacebuilding: way towards sustainable peace and security" to be held in the afternoon of Tuesday, 25 September 2012. The Chair invited the Chairs to recommend their respective Capital's participation at the highest possible level at the event.

7. The Chair informed the Chairs that a date in the first two weeks of September has been suggested for a visit by the Group to Washington D.C. to meet with the Executive Board of the World Bank, following-up on the Board's visit to New York and meeting with the PBC last year. The Chairs welcomed the initiative and promised to consult their respective scheduled and confirm their availability

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