

**Peacebuilding Commission
Burundi Configuration
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**Informal Meeting on the Monitoring and Tracking Mechanism
of the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Burundi**

Chairman's Summary Note

28 November 2007

1. The main purpose of the meeting was to conclude the work on the development of a Monitoring and Tracking Mechanism (MTM) for the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Burundi.
2. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald, Permanent Representative (PR) of Norway to the United Nations. In his introductory remarks, Ambassador Løvald recalled that the Burundi formal CSM held on 20 June 2007 had agreed that a monitoring and tracking mechanism would be jointly developed by Burundi and the Peacebuilding Commission to complement the Strategic Framework. He congratulated and thanked those who worked on the document, and commended the Government of Burundi for its leadership in the process which involved civil society and international partners. He also thanked members of the PBC who devoted time to the exercise and acknowledged BINUB and the Secretariat's contributions. He recognised the presence of the ERSG in the meeting and thanked him for his presence.
3. Before opening the floor, he suggested a few technical and editorial amendments to the negotiated text.
4. The delegations of Angola, China, Jamaica, Pakistan and USA congratulated the chair and the Government of Burundi for the work accomplished and indicated that they were happy with the improvements made on the document. They noted that they looked forward to concrete action and progress on the ground. The delegation of the USA cautioned that the adoption of the document should not be considered an arrival but a departure. He emphasized that the PBC and Burundi should adopt a pragmatic and flexible application of the mechanism. He also suggested that the matrix is a tool and not a process and that other sources of information should also be considered by the PBC. The delegation of China also underlined flexibility and the need to review the mechanism after one year.
5. The PR of Luxembourg took the floor to express his delegation's satisfaction with the progress made and congratulated the chair and Burundian authorities. He underlined that the MTM was essential for the engagement between the PBC and Burundi, but that it has also implications beyond Burundi as it would guide the Commission's engagement with other countries. While acknowledging that the MTM would be improved and that it needed not be perfected at this stage, he recalled that his delegation had consistently flagged the importance of ensuring strong and positive contribution from civil society in the MTM. He deplored that this aspect was not sufficiently reflected in the MTM note and suggested to add language to that effect.
6. The PR of Burundi took the floor to say that there was no need to include such language as civil society organisations in Burundi already participate at many levels, and hoped that there was not need to reopen the discussion. The delegations of Angola and China called for a swift adoption of the document, without further amendments. The Chair noted that Luxembourg had raised an important issue, but expressed that he did not wish to re-open the

7. In his closing remarks, the Chair reiterated his appreciation to the members of the PBC for their comments. He underlined that they had completed a very important piece of work and that the PBC was entering in a new phase of its engagement with Burundi. He confirmed that a formal meeting of the Burundi CSM would be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2007 to adopt the document.