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Excellency,

I wish to thank you for continuous engagement with the Country-Specific Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission on the Central African Republic. Our common commitment to support the country's peacebuilding process, in close consultation with the Government of the Central African Republic, makes me confident that we can achieve progress.

In this regard you would recall that on 29 March 2010 the CAR configuration held a meeting during which it discussed the state of play in the preparation for the elections. Since then, progress has been made towards the organization of free, fair and transparent elections, including the adoption by the Independent Electoral Commission of a new electoral calendar and revised budget.

These developments are encouraging. However, the continued shortage of funds will hamper the work of the Independent Electoral Commission and impact negatively on the prospects of adhering to the new electoral calendar.

An information note prepared by the UNDP in Bangui, entitled "*Projet d'Appui au Cycle Electoral 2010 de la République Centrafricaine*" is attached for your information. The document provides information on the electoral process and outlines the support to be provided by the United Nations. The current budgetary gap is US\$ 7,558,920.

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I would therefore like to make a plea and request that your Government or your Organization kindly consider the possibility of extending or increasing its support for the electoral process as a matter of urgency, so that elections can be properly prepared and take place as scheduled in accordance with international standards. Any contribution would be highly appreciated by the Government and the people of the Central African Republic.

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



Jan Brauls
Chairperson of the Central African Republic
Configuration of the
Peacebuilding Commission

To the members of the Central African Republic Configuration of
the Peacebuilding Commission