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Excellency,

I wish to reiterate my sincere gratitude for your participation in the meeting of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) on 5 March 2020 and your detailed presentation of the Matrix of Priority Actions of the “*Programme d’Urgence pour le Sahel*” for 2020-2021.

I would also like to thank you for your letter dated 10 April 2020 on the follow-up of the commitments expressed by many participants during the PBC meeting to support the implementation of the Matrix of Priority Actions. As noted in your letter, the global landscape has since the PBC meeting been overtaken by the COVID-19 pandemic that is also heavily affecting Burkina Faso. Sustained attention by the international community to the situation in Burkina Faso remains critical to ensure that existing peacebuilding challenges in Burkina Faso are not further exacerbated by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On 5 May 2020, I invited the members of the PBC, as well as relevant financial and technical partners of Burkina Faso, to indicate existing or forthcoming commitments in support of the Matrix of Priority Actions. The information received from Canada, Denmark, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the European Union reflects a contribution of over USD 400 million in support of the implementation of the Priority Actions. This information and the breakdown of contributions has been shared with the Resident Coordinator, for the Troika of Financial and Technical Partners in Ouagadougou to work with your Department in consolidating the figures with the information available at country-level, and on the necessary follow-up as you continue to implement the Priority Actions.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation for the update provided by the Prime Minister of Burkina Faso, H.E. Mr. Christophe Joseph Marie Dabiré, on the progress made in the implementation of the Priority Actions and on the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic at our meeting of 8 October 2020. During that meeting the Commission encouraged Burkina Faso’s partners to sustain their support to your Priority Actions and to consider additional support to help your country’s immediate response to the COVID-19 pandemic and your post COVID-19 socio-economic recovery efforts.

I wish to reiterate the sustained commitment of the PBC to accompany Burkina Faso towards peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

Sincerely,



H.E. Mr. Bob Rae
Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission

H.E. Mr. Lassané Kaboré, Minister of Economy, Finance and Development of Burkina Faso