

**Peacebuilding Commission
Organizational Committee Meeting**

4 October 2017

Chairperson's Summary of the Discussion

On 4 October 2017, the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) convened a meeting of the Organizational Committee (OC) on the following agenda items: 1) Report by the Chairs of the PBC Country configurations

fair environment for the organization of peaceful and democratic elections in 2020. He concluded by informing that the next PBC meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the EAC-led dialogue process and the refugee situation.

3. The Chair of the Central African Republic (CAR) Configuration (Morocco) recalled that he briefed the Commission on 31 July on his visit to CAR of 12-14 July, which focused on efforts to engage with the Government of CAR, national, regional, and international stakeholders on the country's peacebuilding and recovery agenda and to discuss the progress made in the implementation of the National Plan for Peacebuilding and Recovery (RCPCA). He also recalled that, at that briefing, he had underscored the deterioration of the security situation, warned against the risks of spreading sectarian violence and its impact on the communities, and recommended that the Security Council undertake a visit to CAR in order to apprise members of the situation on the ground and to inform their decisions on the renewal of MINUSCA mandate

reinforce the concept of one PBC.

The advisory and complementing role of the Commission to the Security Council needs to be fully recognized. While there is growing confidence between the Council and the Commission, and the Council has often referred to the importance of the advisory role of the Commission, there is still room to strengthen the synergies between the Commission and the Council. The informal interactive dialogues represent useful ways to strengthen those synergies and should be further utilized. The advisory role of the PBC is of particular importance when the Council is addressing transitions from peacekeeping operations. In this connection, a study could be conducted on how the Commission could support the Council during transition phases.

It is important to maintain strong relations between the PBC and the PBF and to match programming tools with political objectives.

The PBC has done important work in prioritizing national ownership throughout its deliberations.

