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To : Members of the PBC – Central African Republic
Configuration

**Informal meeting of the Country Specific Configuration of the PBC on the
Central African Republic
New York, 25 January 2010**

Chair's summary

Several members of the Commission took the floor (Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, Benin). The OIF announced that it had dispatched a mission to Bangui, headed by former Burundi President Pierre Buyoya, to provide assistance to the IEC in coordination with other stakeholders.

The Special Representative reiterated her call for an urgent start of the DDR, and that discussions were to take place with MINURCAT, the United Nations mission in Chad and the Central African Republic, to explore the possibility of cooperation in the area of security to areas not covered by MICOPAX. SRSG Zewde also stressed the importance of holding the elections in the constitutional timeframe, something the Security Council had also reiterated in its most recent Presidential Statement. However, the SRSG pointed out that the call for elections to take place in time is not a unanimous, and that some were envisaging a postponement of the elections, referring to a similar transition period in 1992.

With respect to the funding for the elections, Mr. Bo Schack, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General indicated that out of the estimated US\$ 16 million estimated budget, US\$ 14 million had already been secured, albeit not yet disbursed into a single account. The Government had allocated the equivalent of US\$ 7.5 million from the 2009 and 2010 budgets, the EC pledged US\$ 6 million, and smaller contributions from France and UNDP amounted to about US\$ 500,000.

The budget had been adopted in principle by the Security Council (S/Res/1616) and the African Union (AU/Dec/09/12). The