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To : Members of the PBC – Burundi
Configuration

Informal meeting of the Burundi Specific Configuration of the PBC,
New York, 9-10 September 2015

Chair's Summary

On 09 September 2015 an informal meeting of the PBC Burundi Configuration took place at the headquarters under the chairmanship of Ambassador Sergio Javería, Assistant Secretary-General in the Department for Political Affairs (DPA) briefed the Configuration on the current political situation. Mr. Jean Simon Sibandze, Assistant Secretary-General in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) gave a briefing on the situation of human rights in Burundi, especially in regard to the current crisis. Mr. Fabien Nsengimana, Director of the Burundi Leadership Training Program (B-LTP) and Mr. Gilbert Posé, Programme Manager of the Gender and Institute for Multiparty Democracy (GIM) both implementing partners of the PBC project on political dialogue, informed the Configuration on their work in the country. The Permanent Representative of Burundi, Ambassador Gilbert Shingiro, briefed the Configuration on the situation in the country and his Government's efforts to address current challenges.

In his introductory remarks, the Chair expressed his concerns about the recent developments and noted the gap between the atmosphere of the partners' conference in December 2014 and the situation that had marred the elections of 2015. He suggested that rebuilding trust was a priority and an effort which concerned all partners but in which the

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