
On 16 September 2015, the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission convened an informal meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Permanent Representative of Sweden, Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, and addressed the following agenda items: (1) Workplan of the PBC until the end of 2015; (2) Briefing by the President of the National electoral commission of Burkina Faso.

1. The Chair presented the workplan until the end of 2015 and made reference to the main priorities discussed during the informal meeting of June: the continued efforts on the improvement of working methods of the PBC, and the consideration of new and lighter footprint of the PBC's country-specific engagement. Furthermore, he alluded to a recent working luncheon with the African caucus and the countries on the Commission's agenda where ways to

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3. The Chargé d’Affaires of Burkina Faso briefed on the political transition in place following the popular uprising of 2014. She noted that the priorities of the transitional Government included ensuring the continuity of the state, the organization of free and credible elections scheduled for 11 October 2015, social cohesion and national reconciliation, as well as addressing the socio-economic challenges.

role of the PBC as a central aspect of its advisory function to the General Assembly and the Security Council. One delegation noted that the decision to convene such country-specific discussions needed broad consultations within the Organizational Committee in order to arrive at a collective understanding of its objectives and format.

7. Additional comments from Member States emphasized two points:
 - The importance for Burkina Faso to work towards inclusive elections and to ensure that electoral funding is managed in a transparent manner;
 - The need to step up the support from the international community in order to assist the potentially elected Government to face numerous post-electoral challenges;
8. The Chair expressed his gratitude to the representatives of Burkina Faso for their briefing and for seeking an engagement with the PBC as a broad-based platform bringing together key and relevant members of the international community. He expressed appreciation to all who had provided support to the transition and in the preparations for the elections, and he encouraged others to step forward in support. He furthermore stated that the Commission stands ready to provide further assistance, as appropriate, if requested by the Burkinabe authorities.
9. The Chair reminded Member States about the scheduled high-level meeting on the PBA review organized by the International Peace Institute on 29 September. He informed that i