countries of the region have responded to these security challenges by coordinating their

in future settings included: the need for mandates formulated by the Security Council to take into account national ownership; the importance of providing peace dividends to the population, as well as engaging youth and women. Moreover, she stressed the need to ensure that Resident Coordinators have the capacity and support to implement their mandates. She also highlighted PBC's key role in broadening and strengthening partnerships for more effective implementation.

8. Member States welcomed the briefings and, in their interventions, highlighted the following points:

Highlighted the usefulness of the meeting, which included updates on latest developments from the ground and best practices from country configurations, all helping to find ways forward to address the security, development, good governance and human rights challenges in West Africa and the Sahel.

Expressed concerns over the instability in the Sahel region and increased activities of Boko Haram in the Lake Chad Basin.

Welcomed and expressed support for the UN Support Plan for the Sahel, and highlighted the need for coordinated and coherence in support of the Sahel region.

Highlighted the need for funding to the Trust Fund for Liberia, with the aim of reducing dependency on development aid over time.

Recognized the importance of partnerships, including with the private sector in Sierra Leone, as well as cross-