

The Advisory Role of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) to the Security Council (SC)

Working-level meeting of
members of the PBC that are members of the Security Council, countries on the PBC

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Background

1. At its formal meeting of 11 March 2015, the Organizational Committee elected Malaysia to succeed Rwanda as coordinator of the periodic stock-taking exercise of the PBC and its interaction with the Security Council. On 20 November, Malaysia convened an informal meeting to follow-up to the informal interactive dialogue of the PBC on the agenda, the Chairs of the PBC country configurations and the Chair of the Working Group on Lessons Learned. The meeting aimed at taking stock of how the PBC exercises its advisory function to the Council in connection to the situations in Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, the Central African Republic (CAR) and Burundi. Furthermore, members were invited to reflect on how the SC integrated the broader peacebuilding objectives in its consideration of the respective situations.

Main points from the discussion

2. The coordinator invited the CSC Chairs, the countries on the agenda, and the members of the Council who are members of the PBC to share their perspectives in respect to the following issues:

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Bissau and how this role would be further adapted to the post-crisis needs and challenges of the country;

The contribution that the PBC can make in resolving ongoing political impasse in Burundi;

The extent to which the resolutions on UMNIL adopted in 2015 reflected the longer term peacebuilding

can be adapted to the post-security transition priorities of the country;

ty and political risks, as

the current crisis situation;

Lessons that can be drawn from the PBC and the SC interaction in situations of acute crisis and of UN transitions in light of the recommendations from the AGE report on the peacebuilding review.

General conclusions

3. Representatives noted the need to further recognise the importance of the PBC and its added value in providing advice to the SC in regard to peacebuilding priorities during the In this connection, a need for an intensified cooperation with the SC was identified.
4. Participants highlighted that, in view of the long-term nature of peacebuilding, the PBC could play a critical role in flagging to the SC in a timely manner the risk of lapse and relapse into conflict.
5. Some representatives also noted that the Commission has an important role to play in prevention, by bringing to the attention of the SC key peacebuilding-related priorities

