

SECURITY COUNCIL

THE SITUATION IN GUINEA-BISSAU

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIR OF THE GUINEA-BISSAU
CONFIGURATION OF THE PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION

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Mr. President,

From the outset of this briefing, I wish to thank you for the invitation today and the opportunity to address this Council in my

We were reminded last week by Under-Secretary-General

could assist these and other efforts, for example by mobilizing constitutional experts who may be able to provide adequate advice as required, and in full respect for national sovereignty. In order to tackle longer term issues, it will be up to the Bissau-Guineans to show wisdom and creativity to make their political constitutional model workable and adapt it to their specificities.

Mr. President,

The PBC believes that every effort must be made by the international partners to support the continuation of ECOMIB, the ECOWAS mission in Guinea-Bissau. We cannot afford to send the wrong signals regarding the importance of maintaining a safe and stable environment as remaining challenges are tackled. In this connection, I wish to acknowledge the role of the European Union's financial support to ensure the renewal of the mandate of ECOMIB in June of this year.

In conclusion, the PBC believes that the lack of a genuine political will to overcome current impasses is preventing the enactment of governmental measures that would lead to concrete peace dividends. The PBC urges the political parties and through them, all legislative actors to work together and urgently resume a constructive and cooperative dialogue in order to approve the Government's programme and the State budget; without a national road map for policy and a budget to sustain a functional State, the country will be ill positioned to receive support from the international community, despite the professed intentions to provide support.

The PBC believes that the international community, including this Council, must strongly encourage regional diplomatic efforts such as those agreed to at the 49th ordinary meeting of the ECOWAS Heads of State gathering in Dakar in June, and look forward to an early dispatch of the high level mission composed of the Presidents of

Liberia, as Boting Chair of ECOWAS, has B leadership role to play in this regard. The PBC also encourages consulterns aiming at rganizing a meeting of the Inubtnernal CntBottGrup fr>Gu inea-Bissau.

Finally, the PBC will continue impressing upon all Botors the importance of uphlding their commitments made at the Brussels dn>round table in MBrch of 2015. This equally applies to the respective pledges from narnal and inubtnarnal st akehlders. A clear mmitment to place the nernal inubtest abve ther agendas will be conducive to strong er partnerships between the Govetnment and its inubtnarnal supp>F1 0 595.32 81.92 reW67Qr>BDC qF1 0 595ei32 8>715.