

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 agenda,

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Background

1. On 24 October 2016, Egypt, in its capacity as coordinator of the periodic stock-taking exercises , convened an informal meeting to take stock of how the PBC exercised its advisory function to the Council in connection with the situations in Burundi, Central African Republic, Guinea-Bissau, and Liberia. Since the last stock taking meeting that took place in April 2016, the Council considered these situations and it was important to assess how the Council drew upon the engagement of and the advice from the PBC with the countries concerned. The members of the PBC that are members of the Security Council, the representatives of the four countries under considerations, and the respective chairs and penholders were invited to participate in the meeting.

Main points from the discussion

2. The coordinator opened the meeting underlining that a stock-taking discussion on the advisory role of the PBC to the Security Council was of particular importance in view of the intention of the Council to regularly request the advice of the PBC, as noted in paragraph 8 of resolution

- Guinea-Bissau: In which ways can the PBC practically support the ongoing regional efforts to diffuse the political tension in Guinea-Bissau?

- Liberia: How can the ongoing activities of the PBC in Liberia lead to an advisory input to the

3. With regard to **Burundi**, Member States noted that the Commission provided useful inputs to the

time of transition in Liberia. It was noted that, in addition to a briefing to the Council in December, the Commission could share its advice in other forms, including through an Informal Interactive Dialogue with the members of the Council. This interactive dialogue can also address the strategic assessment currently conducted by DPKO and provide an opportunity for the Commission to share its perspective on how the UN could provide coherent support to Liberia at the time of transition.

Next steps

7. Participants welcomed the meeting as a platform for frank discussions on how to strengthen the advisory role of the PBC to the Council. Member States were informed that an upcoming meeting of the Security Council Ad hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in African, scheduled for 1 November, would provide another opportunity to discuss the modalities by which the PBC can render its advice to the Council pursuant SCR 2282 (2016).
