

to: Members of the PBC (OC & CSMs)

6 July 2012

Meeting of the PBC Chairs

Summary No. 2012/55

The meeting was attended by Bangladesh (Chair), Croatia (Vice-Chair), Brazil (Chair of the Guinea-Bissau Configuration), Canada (Chair of the Sierra Leone Configuration), Luxembourg (Chair of the Guinea Configuration), Sweden (Chair of the Liberia Configuration), Switzerland (Chair of the Burundi Configuration), and Japan (Chair of the Working Group on Lessons Learned). The PBSO was also present. The meeting was chaired by the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh and addressed the following subjects:

Key messages for the PBC Chair's Statement at the SC debate on the PBC annual report/thematic debate (scheduled for 12 July)

1. The Chair informed the Group that he received an invitation from the President of the Security Council to participate in the debate on Post-conflict Peacebuilding on 12 July. In this context, and following the discussion held at the recent expert-level meeting of the Chair's Group, the Chair invited the Group to provide comments and suggestions on the remarks that he will deliver on behalf of the Commission as a whole. The Chairs concurred that the debate represents a good opportunity for the PBC to attract attention from and to strengthen its relations with the Security Council. They agreed that the PBC Chair's statement should highlight the positive impact of the work of the Commission in the countries on its agenda and it should focus on a few proposals to make the work of the Commission more valuable to the Council.

Preparations for upcoming informal OC meetings (9 and 20 July)

9 July

i) Consultations on Civilian Capacity

2. The Chair informed that GA resolution 66/255 on civilian capacities requires the Secretary-General to consult with Member States, including through the PBC as he prepares his next report on the subject. To this end, the Chair invited Ms. Susana Malcorra, Chef de Cabinet and Chair of the Steering Committee on CivCap, to provide an update on the preparatory work for the report and to hear the views of the members regarding the specific areas of particular interest to the PBC. The Chairs welcomed the initiative and noted that the PBC can

that an issues paper containing key elements to guide the discussion will be circulated to Member States ahead of the meeting.

ii) Mid-year assessment of progress in the implementation of the 2012 Roadmap of Actions

5. The Chair informed that, following the outcome of the working-level meeting of the OC which took place on 22 May, a discussion will be held on 20 July on a mid-year assessment of progress and challenges which the PBC made and faced in implementing the main priorities of the 2012 Roadmap of Actions (namely in the areas of resource mobilization, relationships within the UN and PBC working methods).

Other matters

6. The Chair confirmed that preparations are ongoing for the High-level event entitled "Peacebuilding: way towards sustainable peace and security" to be held in the afternoon of Tuesday, 25 September 2012. The Chair invited the Chairs to recommend their respective Capital's participation at the highest possible level at the event.

7. The Chair informed the Chairs that a date in the first two weeks of September has been suggested for a visit by the Group to Washington D.C. to meet with the Executive Board of the World Bank, following-up on the Board's visit to New York and meeting with the PBC last year. The Chairs welcomed the initiative and promised to consult their respective scheduled and confirm their availability
