

**High-Level Meeting of the
Peacebuilding Commission Central African Republic Configuration**

Monday, 23 April 2018

of the Discussion

engagements with the European Union later this year. These engagements would help the configuration to ensure international focus on peace and development priorities in CAR, and

the empowerment of women, supporting economic and social revitalization, the reduction of community based violence, and support to the security and justice sectors. Finally, he reiterated his commitment in providing security, justice, basic social services and infrastructure to the people of CAR, with the support of the international community.

explained that CAR provided a unique learning experience on the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and on how different parts of the UN system should work together and partner in challenging environments. She reminded the Commission that while the events in Bangui were tragic, they did not lead to the further escalation and unravelling of the situation due to coordinated efforts by the Government, the PK5 community and MINUSCA – this was a reflection of how far the country had come in 2 years. She underscored that the peace in CAR could not be held hostage by armed groups. Ms. Rochdi gave an update on the implementation of the RCPCA, explaining how the plan led to better coordination of efforts and partnerships on the ground under national ownership. There were challenges with the implementation of the RCPCA, particularly the significant delays related to the absorption capacity of the government, but it was important to remain patient and simultaneously tackle root causes of the conflict and tackle developmental issues while addressing the security situation and meeting humanitarian needs. Rebuilding schools and houses, improving the justice system, implementing the reforms that had been passed, and moving towards private sector and tax reform also had to remain as priorities, in order to ensure long-term success.

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mechanisms. Several delegations also expressed overall support to the implementation of RCPCA and the African Initiative;

- Underscored that sustaining peace could be achieved only by addressing root causes of the conflict, and the importance of simultaneously addressing the security situation to ensure the concrete and visible delivery of peace and development dividends to the people and communities.
- The need to push programmes for Disarmament Demobilization Reintegration and Repatriation, particularly stressing the importance of regional cooperation in repatriation and fight against impunity;
- T African Initiative, and for mediation.