

Chairman's Summary
Informal Meeting on the launch of the work of the Burundi CSM for 2008
6 February 2008

1. The purpose of the meeting was to formally launch the work of the Burundi CSM for 2008 with a presentation of a proposed workplan, and updates on certain key peacebuilding issues, as identified in the Strategic Framework for Peacebuilding in Burundi. The items on the agenda included 2008 workplan and establishment of the Groupe de Coordination des Partenaires, conclusion of the sixth review under the arrangement under the PRGF, progress in the establishment of transitional justice mechanisms and implementation of the Comprehensive Ceasefire Agreement.
2. Representatives of the Government of Burundi, civil society organizations, the United Nations system and international partners in Bujumbura as well as the Resident Representative of the IMF in Burundi (from Washington) participated in the informal meeting via video link (see attached list of participants).
3. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations. In his introductory remarks, Ambassador Løvald noted that Burundi continues to face tremendous challenges in its efforts to consolidate peace, but underlined that the Peacebuilding Commission re

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