

# Peacebuilding Commission

## Informal meeting of the Organizational Committee

### 20 December 2013

#### Chairperson's Summary of the Discussion

##### Background

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On 20 December 2013, the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission convened an informal meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Permanent Representative of Croatia, Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, and addressed the following agenda items: (1) Informal adoption of the PBC report on its seventh session; (2) Update on the activities of the Peacebuilding Fund; and (3) Other matters.

##### Informal adoption of the PBC report on its seventh session

1. The Chairperson presented to Member States the draft Report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its seventh session. He noted that the Report follows the agreed structure of last year's report by streamlining the reporting on progress in the implementation of relevant recommendations from the 2010 Review. In this regard, the Report addressed progress made in the implementation of the 2013 Forward Agenda, as well as achievements and challenges in the Commission's performance of its three core functions, namely: advocacy and accompaniment; resource mobilization and partnerships; and forging coherence. He stressed that the Report emphasizes the links between these three functions and the need for the PBC to perform them within an overarching strategic vision of what added value it can and should bring in each country specific context.

2. The Chair also noted that the Report places particular emphasis on enhancing the role and contribution of its membership across the board; its links with the three UN member States of the 2013 Forward Agenda: Norway, Rwanda and South Africa.

3. The Chair further noted two key highlights of the discussion: (1) The agreement reached on convening an annual session of the Commission; and (2) The initiation of advance preparation for the 2014 Forward Agenda for 2014, including advance preparation.

4. After the Committee informally adopted the Report, the members of the Committee focused their interventions on the following issues:



8. PBSO further shed light on its efforts to support Liberia with the development of a peacebuilding financing dashboard. This was a result of a joint project with the EU to help the country track and monitor financing for peacebuilding. PBSO noted that the PBC may find this financial tracking tool useful and applicable in other countries on its agenda.

9. Following the presentation, Member States took the floor and made the following points:

- Expressing satisfaction with the work and trajectory of the PBF.           took