10th Summit of the Regional Oversight Mechanism of the PSC Framework, had been postponed. He underscored that women, young people and refugees and internally displaced persons were most affected by the crisis, which risked seriously undermining the region's efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The Special Envoy acknowledged the need for resource mobilization and more flexible access to various financing mechanisms in order to consolidate peace and stability progress in the region. He updated the Commission on the preparations of a roundtable discussion on 18 June, in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa, with the aim to help mobilize additional resources. In this regard, he welcomed the advocacy role of the PBC in support for resource mobilization efforts. He stressed the importance of regional and cross-border initiatives and highlighted relevant contributions of the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) in this regard, including two projects between Rwanda and DRC on cross-border trade and food security as well as reintegration of former combatants, with a total budget of 4.5 million USD. He also shared plans for a regional PBF project in the area of security cooperation.

4. Ambassador Zachary Muburi Muita, Executive Secretary of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR),

economic cooperation and regional integration, such as connective infrastructure in transport,

She noted that the countries of the region were implementing recommendations from high level meetings on WPS and that several countries of the region were reinforcing coordination and implementation measures that included early warning, mediation, and monitoring and evaluation on Security Council Resolution 1325 through their respective National Action Plans. She recalled that the Great Lakes Women Advisory Board had recently proposed that priority measures be taken to economically cushion and protect women against the most severe impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. She emphasized the urgency of preserving the gains made to date in the implementation of the WPS