



necessary information about their ongoing activities and programmes in Guinea. All actors will be subsequently invited to align their activities in Guinea to address resource and capacity gaps in key peacebuilding-related sectors. In this regard, Ambassador Lucas identified the following as future steps for the Guinea Configuration:

- completing and regularly updating the mapping exercise;
- organizing informal expert-level sessions should the need arise;
- streamlining exchanges and communications;
- continuing discussions with the Government on constructing an aid information and management system.

5. The Permanent Representative of Guinea stressed that the mapping exercise should be considered as a first step towards the development of a resource mobilization strategy for his country. He expressed Guinea's hope that the exercise would be completed ahead of the next periodic review of the SMC, noting in this regard the high expectations of his

7. Ms. Venera Linneweber of UNDP noted that information on aid flow is very difficult to attain and that governments of countries emerging from conflict and in transition are challenged by the lack of a clear picture of the aid received or being committed. Despite earlier commitment by donor countries to channel aid through country systems, this commitment is yet to be fulfilled. In this regard, she emphasized the following points:

- Aid transparency and fiscal transparency are two fundamental components of mutual accountability.
- Developing aid information and management systems by countries emerging from conflict or in transition is challenged by the quality and accuracy of the data on resource flows for peacebuilding priorities that is made available by donors and recipient governments alike.
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