

Peacebuilding Commission

Informal expert-level meeting on Good Practices in Peacebuilding

The Challenge of Sustaining Peace: Lessons from Previous Transitions

7 October 2016

Main findings

I. Introduction

1. On 7 October 2016, the Peacebuilding Commission convened an expert-level meeting on

 . The meeting was convened by the PBC Vice-Chair (Republic of Korea). The purpose of the meeting was to initiate a conversation within the Commission on what lessons can be drawn from peacebuilding experiences in countries in transition, including the early PBC engagements in Burundi and Sierra Leone, as well as in Timor-Leste.
2. The meeting was opened by the Vice-Chair and benefited from

benchmarks, in particular, the *Policy on UN Transitions in the Context of Mission Drawdown or Withdrawal*

11. In Sierra Leone, the PBF provided catalytic support at critical moments, especially during

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humanitarian actors closer together in a transition setting.

There are various kinds of transitions, including those from PKOs, from SPMs, political transitions and those from war to peace.

Benchmarks are important frameworks for discussion to determine the speed and the methodology of transition processes, ensuring transparency and predictability that reassures relevant stakeholders to maintain continued engagement.

Civil society, in particular youth and women groups, is a critical actor in peacebuilding. PBC and PBF have done an important work in include CSOs in their peacebuilding work.
