- 1. On 25 February, the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) held an ambassabrial level material grading and an ambassabrial level material grading and provided by the control of the purpose of the meeting was for the Chair to chain from the Bururd from 2 to 6 February 2020 and for the PBC to receive an update from the Secretary General of the East African Community (EAC), HE. Mr. Libérat Mium le contre EAC mission to Bururd from 4 to 8 February 2020
- 2 The Chair informed about his recent visit to Buruni and expressed his appreciation for Assistant Secretary General for Africa, Mr. Birdou Keita, who had joined the delegation for the meetings in Buruni. He noted that, on his way to Buruni, he had meetings in Achis Ababa where he met with the African Union (AU) Commissioner for Peace and Security as well as the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs. The exchanges confirmed the readispositiff the AU trioupport Blady is insits peace Aidring pilimities before, during wan N, teepd and after elections. In Buruni, the Chair and his delegation were well-received by the

attention to Bururi's socioeconomic development, noting that Bururian authorities stressed the centrality of the National Development Plan (NDP) and invited the UN, through the PBC and UNCT, to serve as a bridge between Bururi and its partners to nobilize resources for its implementation. He informed that interlocutors emphasized addressing the imperatives of poverty reduction, education, and employment initiatives, particularly for youth. The Chair moted the government's emoraging cooperation with bilateral damps, the World Bank, and the African Development Bank as well as with the UNCT infinitizing the 2000 H. manitarian Response Plan.

4 The Chair recommend that the PBC remain committed to supporting Bururi in creating a contrive environment for peaceful, inclusive, and transparent elections, noting the possibility for further engagement with the government regarding support for party poll-watches. He recommended that the PBC continue to serve as a platform to nobilize resources and build partnesships around key priorities, and invited donors to rapidly

- at to the Commission at the year's end t for a joint discussion on the future of the collaboration
- 6 EAC Secretary General, Libérat Mium le lo provided a briefing en the EAC smission to Buuri in peparation for the elections. He irricated that the EAC plans to play a significant relein support of the elections with a view to a peaceful democratic transfer of power: He informed that EAC Election Observation is guided by the Treaty for the Establishment of the EAC and the 2012 EAC Principles for Election Observation and Evaluation The EAC's formal mission to Bururdi engaged with electroal stateholders such as the CENI, the Minister of Interior, and the Assistant Minister for Public Security as well as representatives of more than 20 political parties. The Secretary General admovledged efforts to level the playing field and provide space for all political parties and highlighted the establishment of consultative political party forums. He noted the presence of dear and well-structured security plans for the elections and informed of nixed security committees The Secretary General reported that the mission observed areas that readding ovener tinduling anargothes, the juriday's limited tine fiane to attend todectoal complaints and deserts after the CENI's release of provisional results as well as voter education and avareness raising on legal frameworks for the elections. He also meditet suppret vas required in tems of logistics for noving electoral equipment and nalicial QAssatvan forward heroted the medifor the continuous presence of the EAC dringthedections as well as EAC support to the CEN archegolar consultations arong

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They stressed the importance of holding cedible, transparent, inclusive and peaceful elections and appreciated Bururi's efforts to ceate an enthling environment.

They admixed the importance of the voluntary return of refugees and the need for continued support to returness and host communities to strengthen resilience and social ordersion

While emphasizing the importance of a nationally-owned election process, they advoked gother importance of regional and sub-regional engagement, including that of the AU, the EAC and the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR).

They highlighted the medifor the international community to remain positively seized and underscored that a peaceful electroal process and transfer of power would be critical to increasing investor confidence and prospects for sustainable development.

They stressed the importance of the effective and meaningful participation of women and youth improducibling and highlighted the work of the PBF supported women nections' network

They expressed continued support for inclusive dialogue with political parties, civil society organizations and youth, and underlined the importance of funding for the PBF for its dialogue projects in Burund.

They undescreed that socioeconomic development efforts should continue throughout the dectoral process and beyond They welconnect the call for the PBC and the UNCT to serve as a bridge between Buruni and its partners in resource mobilization

Some expressed communication and position party members and moterate of freedoms of expression, press, and assembly. They called for prompt investigation of human rights violations and posecution of those responsible

9 Inhis conduing remails, the Chair undalined that the PBC would remain engaged in Buruth in support of the country's peachuilding priorities, during the elections and beyond and would continue serving as a platform for dialogue between Buruth and its partness to strengthen the resilience of the population. He reiterated as ito stytof <sup>2</sup> tican