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important role to play on several residual issues, particularly with respect to facilitating political dialogue and providing assistance for the constitutional review. The Government of Sierra Leone clearly expressed its preference for a well managed and gradual UNIPSIL drawdown with a timeline determined by the political situation in the country. A “structured transition” of UNIPSIL with an effective communication strategy appears essential for the UN not to “walk away in the wrong way”. This will entail a careful

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engagement on the constitutional review and in the security sector was cited most frequently. Likewise, all national and international stakeholders emphasized the need to avoid an abrupt departure by conducting an orderly transition that is communicated clearly to all Sierra Leoneans. The pace of this transition should be guided by developments on the ground. While many of UNIPSIL's functions can and should transfer to the UN Country Team in the coming months, it will be important to assess progress on the constitutional review process over the coming year.

26. In addition, it is clear that some challenges to peace consolidation will remain present in the longer-term. As one observer noted, Sierra Leone still stands “on a pivot between stability and instability”. For this reason, several of the PBC's interlocutors noted that the post-UNIPSIL UN presence would need a “politically savvy” Resident Coordinator with support from a team with sufficient political and human rights expertise. Likewise, several meetings indicated a general consensus that Sierra Leone has

own work to remain aligned with Government of Sierra Leone's vision for peacebuilding and economic development.

30. Third, the UN transition process and national shift towards the Agenda for Prosperity highlight the broader need to begin considering the nature and duration of the PBC's engagement in Sierra Leone. Over the course of the next year there is a clear role for the PBC in supporting the UN's transition process, the elaboration of the constitutional review, progress on outstanding risks to peace consolidation, and the articulation of the Agenda for Prosperity. As the time for a Resident-Coordinator led UN presence approaches, however, the PBC will need to consider altering its own engagement and beginning to define an exit strategy. The priorities of the Government of Sierra Leone, the pace of progress in the field, and an assessment of the PBC's expected added value should drive the timing and speed of this process.