

to: Members of the PBC (OC & CSMs)

27 March 2012

### Meeting of the PBC Chairs

#### Summary No. 2012/54

The meeting was attended by Bangladesh (Chair), Croatia (Vice-Chair), Belgium (Chair of the CAR Configuration), Brazil (Chair of the Guinea-Bissau Configuration), Canada (Chair of the Sierra Leone Configuration), Luxembourg (Chair of the Guinea Configuration), Switzerland (Chair of the Burundi Configuration), and Japan (Chair of the Working Group on Lessons Learned). The PBSO was also present. The meeting was chaired by the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh and addressed the following subjects:

#### Briefing by the PBC Chairperson on the outcome of his bilateral consultations

1. The Chair informed the Group that, after assumption of the chairmanship, he had a series of bilateral meetings with representatives of the countries on the PBC agenda, the permanent members of the Security Council, donor countries, as well the Chairs of the Country-Configurations. The Chair noted that the main themes emerged during those discussions include: the need to strengthen the relations between the Commission and the Security Council, the need to generate increased political support for the PBC, and the importance of reinforcing the Commission's role in resource mobilization for the countries on its agenda. The Chair informed that, following-up on these suggestions, and in order to enhance the visibility of the Commission also at the capital level, he wishes to organize a high-level event in September 2012 on "Sustainable peace: the long-term engagement of the international community". The Chair also noted that resource mobilization is a core mandate of the PBC, reflected in the 2010 Review and in the Roadmap of Actions in 2011 and 2012. In this regard, he proposed to hold a multi-stakeholder meeting to attract traditional and non-traditional donors. The Chair added that the purpose of such meeting would be to present an overview of critical funding gaps and needs in critical priority areas identified in the PBC's instruments of engagement with the countries on the agenda.

2. The Chairs welcomed the idea of increasing the visibility of the Commission. They reminded that resource mobilization is not the only mandate of the PBC. Regarding the proposed high-level event, Brazil and Luxembourg noted that, during the month of September, delegations are likely to be preoccupied with the high-level segment of the General Assembly and other side events. The Chairs agreed to take this fact into account while considering the organization of PBC high-level event.

Belgium stressed the importance for the Commission to build upon the recommendations of the 2010 Review and to be focused on practical issues. Belgium also suggested that the Organizational Committee need to discuss the existing donor community mechanisms and whether they are suitable for supporting countries emerging from conflict. Canada suggested approaching non-traditional donors and philanthropists as the PBC considers practical approaches to resource mobilization. Switzerland echoed the suggestion made by Canada and suggested that the Organizational Committee include this dimension as it considers resource mobilization. Japan supported the idea of focusing on the outcome of the 2010 Review. In this context, he introduced resource mobilization/mapping out relevant actors and relationship with the Security Council as this year's topic for WGLL. Croatia welcomed the idea of having a high-level meeting in order to ensure a stronger political support from capitals.

**Consultations on the PBSO Strategy for 2012 and 2013**

2. PBSO presented the strategy that the office has initially developed for 2012 and 2013 with a view to assisting and supporting the PBC, manage the PBF and support the Secretary-General's efforts to coordinate the UN system in its peacebuilding efforts. Canada welcomed the main orientation of the strategy but noted that it was ambitious and the achievement of the results contained therein would be challenging. Therefore, he proposed that, during the biennium, periodic reporting on progress in delivering on the intended results would help PBSO manage expectations and focus on achievable results. Luxembourg also welcomed the strategy and noted that PBSO should provide more information on the activities of the UN system in countries on the PBC agenda. The Chair informed that the Organizational Committee would discuss the Strategy in an upcoming meeting in April. He also suggested the convening of a working level meeting of the OC in order to ensure that the PBSO is clear about the expectations of the membership before the Office proceeds with the implementation of its Strategy.

**PBC Roadmap of Actions: Implementation of Priority Actions (April - July)**

3. The Chair noted that there is a need to identify priority areas from the Roadmap of Actions in 2012 upon which the PBC shall focus during the next quarter ( April to July 2012). He noted that preliminary consultations at the working-level suggested that the focus should be on: a) Resource mobilization; b) Partnerships and relations with other organs; c) Impact in the field with focus on relations with the UN missions; d) Strengthening the working methods. The Chair recognized the importance of focusing on concrete measures under each of these three priorities. Brazil reminded that the work of the PBC should be guided by the necessities of the field. She also called for including the further improvement of the synergies between the PBC and the PBF among the priorities from the Roadmap.

**Other matters**

4. PBSO presented the budget for PBC field visits for the biennium 2012-2013. Japan presented the preliminary version of the workplan of the Working Group on Lessons Learned for 2012.

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