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Excellency,

In my capacity as Chair of the Central African Republic Configuration (CAR) of the UN Peacebuilding Commission, I visited Washington D.C. on 13 February 2018 where I held discussions with representatives of the World Bank.

The purpose was to consider options for regular exchanges and joint initiatives with international financial institutions to promote sustainable peace in the CAR. In line with the concurrent resolutions of the General Assembly (resolution 70/262) and the Security Council (resolution 2282 (2016)) on the review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture, the focus was on improving coordination between the UN and relevant stakeholders in CAR, developing and sharing good practices including on institutional capacity building, and ensuring predictable financing to peacebuilding. The report of the visit is attached, for your information.

In the meantime, I remain at the disposal of the Security Council to provide further information and clarifications as may be required. The PBC's Configuration remains ready to accompany the Central African Republic and to inform the Council on peacebuilding-relevant developments, as appropriate.

I kindly request that you issue this letter as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ambassador Omar Hilale,

Chair Peacebuilding Commission – CAR Configuration

His Excellency

President of the Security Council New York