

**Informal OC meeting
(Part 1 – before the formal meeting)
16 September 2010**

Points for the Chairperson

Letter dated 19 July 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission (Liberia);

- **We will be meeting shortly in a formal setting to formalize the PBC's engagement with Liberia, as per the request of the Government of Liberia transmitted to the PBC through a letter dated 19 July 2010 from the President of the Security Council.**
- **As per the established practice, the Organizational Committee needs to take a decision to place Liberia on its agenda, establish a country configuration for Liberia and elect the Chairperson of that configuration. The Chair of the Configuration will then consult with the Government of Liberia regarding the additional members who would join the membership of the new configuration and who are not already members of the OC.**
- **The new CSC will take the lead in developing and finalizing an instrument of engagement in close consultations with the Government of Liberia.**
- **You would also recall that the Government of Liberia requested that the PBC dispatches an exploratory mission to Liberia to discuss further with the Government and UNMIL the peacebuilding priorities identified in the letter of request. This mission took place from 17 – 27 August and was led, on my behalf, by Ambassador Barton of the US. The report on the findings of this mission is currently in the stage of being finalized and the members of the OC can expect to receive it very shortly. The report will be presented at the first meeting of the then established CSC which we expect that it will start its work very soon, following a decision on its establishment. I expect that the findings of the report will facilitate the development of the instrument of engagement.**
- **In the meantime, I received a letter from the President of the Republic of Liberia, through the Permanent Representative of Liberia, indicating support to the nomination of Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the UN, to chair the envisaged CSC. As a result,**

Prince Zeid has kindly indicated his readiness to assume this responsibility.

- **To date, I have not received any other nominations for the Chairmanship. I shall then assume that HRM Prince Zeid is the only nominee for this position.**
- **I understand that Jordan, as a major TCC/PCC (police contributing country) to UNMIL, will also apply to become a member of the CSC, once established. This would fulfill the requirement of an established practice that the country chairing the CSC should also be member of that CSC. In the meantime, moving forward with electing HRM Prince Zeid will be an important practical and political step forward in putting together the membership of the CSC and begin the serious business of supporting peacebuilding priorities in Liberia.**
- **I would like to seek your understanding and consent that we formalize the steps I have just described during our formal meeting and that we could elect prince Zeid of Jordan as Chair of CSC Liberia by acclamation.**
- ***[See list of speakers if any]***
- **Thank you for the understanding.**
- **In addition and as per the established practice, I will draft a response to the President of the Security Council informing of the steps and actions taken since we received the Council's letter on 19 July.**
- **If this also is acceptable to the membership and without further delay, I will call the formal meeting to order.**
- ***[Switch to the script for the formal meeting]***
