

Guinea-Bissau Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission

Elections - 2nd round (18 May 2014)

Press statement

The Guinea-Bissau Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) welcomes the successful conduct of the legislative elections and the first round of presidential elections, held on 13 April, and commends the people of Guinea-Bissau for a historical turnout and for the peaceful manner in which they exercised their fundamental democratic rights. This is a first and fundamental step towards restoring constitutional order and allowing for the resumption of full-fledged cooperation with the international community. The Configuration also reiterates its acknowledgement of the key role played by the UN and Guinea-Bissau's main international partners that contributed to the holding of the first round of elections, as well as by all partners who have contributed with international observers.

The Guinea-Bissau Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) reiterates the importance of a free electoral campaign, without threats and intimidations, and that the second round of presidential elections on 18 May be concluded in a peaceful and fair manner, and that the results be respected, so as to allow for the formation of a legitimate democratic Government in a stable environment. The Configuration calls on all parties in Guinea-Bissau to stay the course of democracy and respect the will of the people.

The Guinea-Bissau Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) reaffirms its intention to remain engaged throughout the electoral process and in close consultation with UNIOGBIS to monitor the situation on the ground. The Configuration looks forward to resuming its full engagement with legitimate authorities in Bissau, and stands ready to serve as a coordinating platform to help devise resource mobilization strategies in support of nationally-led peacebuilding efforts that help bring about better living conditions for all Bissau-guineans with democratic consolidation, important institutional reforms and social and economic development.