

Written submission

Peacebuilding Commission advice to the Security Council on UNOCA/LRA

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Mister President,

In the last few years, the Peacebuilding Commission in line with its mandate has sought to mobilize support for regional peacebuilding efforts in Chad, Lake Chad Basin, and in the Central African Republic and Burundi in the Central African region, including through the Commission's respective country configurations, and in close cooperation with the African Union (AU) and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).

Based on its continuing engagement, the Commission would like to share the following points:

1. The Commission notes the ongoing efforts of the Chadian transitional authorities to implement the Transition Roadmap adopted in July 2021. The Commission hopes that the Doha pre-dialogue with the armed opposition meets the expectation for an inclusive peace agreement, including a viable process for the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) so as to enable the inclusive national dialogue to start.
2. The Commission acknowledges the important support provided to the unfolding transition by the AU, as well as other subregional, regional and international partners, and welcomes the recent appointment of an ECCAS Envoy for Chad.
3. The Commission reiterates its commitment to continue supporting the efforts of the Chadian authorities during the transition and calls on the international partners to provide further political, technical and financial support to the transition, notably the national dialogue, envisaged DDR, and the elections.

4. The Commission welcomes the efforts of the Lake Chad Basin Commission to promote regional integration, peace, security, and development in the Lake Chad Region despite the multiple security challenges facing the region. The Commission stresses the need to increase support for the implementation of the Regional Strategy for the Stabilization, Recovery and Resilience of the Boko Haram affected Areas of the Lake Chad Basin Region, with a focus on the critical role of the Territorial Action Plans.
5. The Commission welcomes the expansion of the Lake Chad Basin Commission's support base to include humanitarian, development, and peace actors, and notes that sustained partnership among the Lake Chad Basin Commission, the African Union, the Economic Commission of Central African States, the Economic Community of West African States, the UN, and the Governors of the affected regions in the implementation of the regional strategy is critical for peacebuilding in the region. The Commission looks forward to the further use of dialogue platforms that allow the key implementing actors to interact with civil society and the private sector.
6. The Commission welcomes progress made in promoting women's effective participation in the Central African region and encourages continuous efforts to empower women and youth to meaningfully participate in current and future governance mechanisms.
7. The Commission welcomes the positive progress made in Burundi in the recent years, including advances related to civil and political rights and some widening of the democratic space and also the efforts made by its government to build relations with the neighbouring countries to foster peace.
8. The Commission welcomes the holding of the Republican Dialogue in the Central African Republic, and looks forward to the municipal elections in the near future.
9. The Commission underlines the need to continue to mobilise support for national peacebuilding and development efforts in the Central African

Region, including through the PBF. In this regard, the Commission welcomes the recent approval of the PBF projects in Chad and Burundi.

I thank you.

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