

Peacebuilding Commission
Informal meeting of the Liberian Country Specific Configuration
6 October 2010

Chairperson's Summary of the Discussion

Background

On 6 October 2010, the Chairperson of the Country Configuration for Liberia, H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al Hussein, convened the first informal meeting of the Configuration. The Chairperson presided over the meeting. The agenda for the meeting included the following items: (1) Briefing on the PBC Mission to Liberia (16 – 27 August, 2010); and (2) other matters.

Briefing on the PBC Mission to Liberia;

The Chairperson introduced the first agenda item noting that the Liberian Government had requested for the PBC's support in three (3) areas: security sector reform, rule of law and national reconciliation. He welcomed the attendance of the SRSG, who participated via VTC as well as five new members: Denmark, Ghana, Ireland, Portugal and Sierra Leone. The Chairperson then delineated the speaking order for this agenda item as follows: United States, Liberia, SRSG, PBC Chair, PBSO and DPKO before opening the floor to the members of the Configuration.

1. Ambassador Barton (United States), who led the PBC Mission, opened Z , / q
in Liberia as a promising moment for PBC engagement in the three (3) areas identified by the Liberian Government. He then briefed the members on the findings and recommendations of the Mission. Ambassador Barton highlighted the following points:

a. Two strands emerged during the mission. The first could be categorized as issues, under which three main points were raised: p p

among the population, who want to be active

people feel safer and more engaged.

c. Towards this end, the main recommendations were summarized. A central recommendation designed to increase security and expand access to justice, is to create five (5) regional hubs while simultaneously increasing support to current security sector activities. A few key challenges were raised specifically on justice including developing a case management and tracking system; carrying out joint trainings among all components of the justice systems (e.g. police, judges, magistrates, prosecutors); establishing oversight

