

Final Report of the PBC Working Group on Lessons Learned

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transition. The PBC is also accompanying Burundi's efforts as it prepares for the drawdown and closure of the United Nations Office in Burundi (BNUB) towards the end of 2014. The Chair of the Burundi Configuration participated in the Steering Group that oversaw the planning of the transition under the leadership of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the SRSG. In addition, the phased-downsizing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)

perspectives of regional actors among New York based actors, while also ensuring greater coherence in messaging between regional and international actors. Political support for south-south cooperation may also facilitate the mobilization of additional assistance from the region and beyond.

- 4) Engaging peace and development actors in New York, in close collaboration with operational actors in the field and with other international financial institutions. Such engagement should take place at the earliest stages of the UN transition process, as well as during and after the closing of a UN mission in order to facilitate greater alignment between development and peacebuilding-related priorities. In Sierra Leone, the PBC accompanied and helped to link the transition plan with key aspects of the Agenda for Prosperity. It also accompanied the conduct of the fragility assessment in the context of the development of the Mutual Accountability Framework in implementation of the New Deal. Efforts are also being made by Liberia to develop its own compact with partners.
- 5) Providing the political support for the PBF to engage in funding targeted projects and programmes that would address potential financial gaps resulting from UN missions drawdown.

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While the Security Council has the primary responsibility to decide on the withdrawal of WP" o kuukqpu."vjg"RDE"ecp"uwrrqtv"vjg"Eqwpeknøu"ghhqtvu"vq"ensure smooth transitions by offering a broad-based membership forum¹ to help identify areas requiring increased attention and support for successful transition.

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- 1) Prqxkfkpi" cp" kpvgtiqxgtpogpven" rncvhtqo" vq" uwrrqtv" vjg" Eqwpeknøu" ghhqtvu" furing pre-drawdown consultations with national and other relevant stakeholders. The results of these consultations aim to help the Security Council factor in its decisions on drawdown public perceptions, priorities and concerns linked to mission drawdowns, as well as the vision/need for the post-transition UN presence.
- 2) Advising the Council on the holistic progress towards sustainable peace and development that countries undergo (in particular political dialogue and institution building processes) prior to, during and after UN transitions. Indeed, transition of UN missions in a country is

- 3) Providing a broad-based membership forum/platform to consider the practicality for UNCTs to take up tasks which UN missions implemented prior to drawdown, particularly in light of different funding arrangements from those of UN missions.
- 4) Providing a political forum to help sustain political accompaniment and engagement from the international community, including from regional organisations, beyond the Cqwpékòu"

continue to be based on national peacebuilding priorities, as outlined in the Agenda for Prosperity. To this end, the Chair of the Sierra Leone Configuration proposed to establish a smaller advisory group with open membership, but focused on those most directly engaged with and committed to sustaining their support to Sierra Leone. This advisory group can be convened as needed. A light stock-taking is planned to be undertaken in the first quarter of 2015 in order to assess this approach and to establish the most appropriate timing and potential areas of engagement for Sierra Leone's exit from the PBC's agenda. This process will be guided by and dependent on the evolving situation on the ground.

2. Modalities for engaging with the Security Council during and beyond transitions processes

The PBC should continue to provide advice to the Security Council after a UN mission departs, in particular with respect to progress made towards peace consolidation and the level of attention and commitment from regional and international partners. The Council can invite the PBC to report annually during the first three years following the drawdown on the mandated mission in the country concerned. The Council can either identify specific areas on which the PBC should be expected to report or can set broader guidelines for monitoring developments in the country concerned.

Towards the 2015 Review

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