Statement by Ambassador Hilale, Chair of the CAR Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission Security Council, 16 March 2017

Mr. President of the Security Council, Mr. President of the Central African Republic, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, distinguished Members of the Security Council,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the members of the Central African Republic Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission.

It is always an honor and a pleasure to address the Security Council, on the occasion of this meeting on the Central African Republic, organized following the visit of H.E. Mr.

thank for the excellent cooperation with the Configuration; and with regional and subregional organizations and international partners.

Members of the Configuration expressed their support for the program of work which was presented recently to the Security Council, and consists mainly of a meeting for each of the three pillars of the National Recovery and Peacebuilding Plan, bringing together all relevant stakeholders (UN, EU, World Bank) to discuss how best to support the efforts of the Government and partners.

To this end, we will intensify our coordination and collaboration with the three main partners in charge, under the leadership of the Central African authorities, of the implementation of the recovery plan: the UN for the first pillar (Support for peace, Security and reconciliation), the EU for the 2nd pillar (Renewal of the social contract between the population and the Government) and the World Bank for the 3rd pillar (Promoting economic recovery and boost of productive sectors).

In proposing this program of work for the coming months, the Configuration has an ambitious medium- and long-term goal. It consists of making CAR one of the models of success for the United Nations and peacebuilding in general, and in particular for the Sustaining Peace concept, which emanates from last year's Resolution 2282 of the Security Council and 70/282 of the General Assembly. Indeed, the main elements necessary to sustaining peace are present in the case of CAR, as follows:

I would also like to commend efforts of the Council working towards maintaining the Central African high on its agenda. The organization of an interactive dialogue on the African mediation initiative is an excellent illustration of this commitment and will enable Council members to explore the possibilities of support for this initiative. The Peacebuilding Commission stands ready to lend its support, knowing that all the actors involved in this process are members of the Configuration.

I thank you for your attention.