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To : Members of the PBC – Burundi Configuration

Informal meeting of the Burundi Configuration of the PBC, New York,
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Chair's Summary

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greater resources must be mobilised through support to the strategy - response Plans
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 underfunded. The ! ' C- - e&resentati.e indi"ated that it is "ru"ia# that states grant
 refugees a safe ha.en, &reser.e the humanitarian "hara"ter of as,#um, and do not infringe
 u&on the freedom of mo.e ment of the dis&#a"ed. Mr Oe.e.re had stressed that
 strengthening the so"iole"onomi" resi#ien"e of the dis&#a"ed and ensuring their
 &arti"i&ation in the nationa# re"on"i#iation &ro"ess at this >un"ture is a &ea"ebui#ding
 im&erati.e. 'e unders"ored that address the root "auses of the "risis +as 3e, in
 &re.enting a re#a&se into "onf#i"t.

;. The Chair suggested the ob>e"ti.es of his .isit to Tan9ania and Burundi on 04 110 Ju#,: i%
 to &ursue the engagement +ith the 5o.ernment and 3e, sta3eho#ders, +ith a .ie+ to
 "om&#ement efforts b, the Oe"urit, Coun"i#, ! a"tors on the ground and regiona#
 organi9ations \$(/ C 8 / % to su&ort a .iab#e and in"#usi.e &o#iti"a# &ro"ess# ii%
 dis"uss and raise the a+areness on the e"onomi" im&a"t of the "risis# iii% to sustain the
 attention on stru"tura# &ea"ebui#ding issues and to su&ort PB2 a"ti.ities.

6. In his remar3s, Mr. Jean12ran"ois Joh (&o3o, s&ea3ing on beha#f of the O&e"ia# / d.isor
 Jama# Benomar, informed PBC members that on 21124 Ma,, (/ C 2a"i#itator, former
 President of Tan9ania, '(Ben>amin M3a&a, had "on.ened a meeting +ith Burundian
 sta3eho#ders in / rusa. Oome members of the o&&osition C! / - (: and Ci.i# Oo"iet,
 had "riti"ised the e.ent for its C#a"3 of in"#usi.it,D. On 10111 June, President M3a&a met
 +ith C! / - (: #eaders in Brusse#s, Be#gium. The se"ond round of ta#3s is s"hedu#ed to
 ta3e &#a"e in Ju#,# "urrent#,, the main issues are +ho shou#d &arti"i&ate in the ta#3s, the
 stru"ture and the agenda of the dia#ogue. Mr Joh (&o3o indi"ated that dis"ussions +ere
 under +a, to organi9e the ! su&ort to the fa"i#itation# he further indi"ated that the
 (/ C, the / and the ! +ere dis"ussing the best +a, to "oordinate their su&ort to the
 dia#ogue +hi" is sti## in its initia# &hase. 'e +e#"omed the resour"es &ro.ided b, the
 PB2 in su&&ort of the dia#ogue &ro"ess.

E. Mr.6uta3a 6oshino, from the 7 or#d Ban3, s&ea3ing .ia FTC from / rusa, noted that

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9. In his briefing, 10 May 2010, Mr. Omondi noted the positive trends, outlining in particular the developments. Positive developments included the reduction in number of armed groups to 12 in previous months and 11 in May, and a reduction to 46 in July. Under negative developments, Mr. Omondi indicated that injuries remain high, with indiscriminate grenade attacks against the civilian population, including in the area. He further stated that 44 people had been arbitrarily arrested from 11 June, and that torture was still ongoing. He warned about signs of a growing ethnic dimension to the crisis, which would require greater international attention.
10. He noted that there were 266,000 refugees, and about 100,000 IDPs, of which 100,000 were displaced during the current conflict. Mr. Omondi highlighted the need for increased monitoring of the human rights situation, including through a Human Rights Assessment. He informed that OHCHR was working with the Human Rights Observers in Burundi, including them with training and logistical support, as well as enhancing information. He noted that the current OHCHR assessment of 40 international and national NGOs based in Burundi is a challenge of funding in 2010.
10. In his statement, Ambassador Ohingiro highlighted the assessment provided by 10 May 2010. He indicated that the security, as good, with the exception of a few cases. He noted that crimes were common to many countries. He remarked that according to the recent visit of the three human rights experts of the Independent Investigation on Burundi (IIGB) who reported to the Human Rights Council, the situation had significantly improved. Ambassador Ohingiro regretted that the gap between the descriptions of situation in the report in Bujumbura and in the report there were different. He provided figures reflecting the implementation of the measures taken by President Nkurunziza in February. He stated that 1,000 prisoners had been released, an action that had reduced the number of prisoners by 25%. He recalled that perpetrators of sexual and gender-based violence were not eligible to these release measures. He informed PBC members that the initial dialogue was under way, both outside and within the country. He noted that the external dialogue would not discuss border sharing, a subject that was addressed by the visiting/rusha/words and the Constitution of 2003; rather it would be a tool for forging social cohesion. He reiterated that youths and their families would not be part of the dialogue process and underlined that the external dialogue must be complemented by the internal dialogue. Ambassador Ohingiro recalled that reports on the situation contain evidence of a rapid and continuing support to Burundi rebels in the DRC, and called on the Rwandan Government to stop destabilizing Burundi. In conclusion, he stated that the security, and initial situation

11. In her remarks, Mari Yamashita, Director of PBO, welcomed the upcoming Chair's visit to Burundi and to the region, the discussion on the dialogue process with the mediator, President M3a, on the economic aspects of the crisis, with the World Bank, the IMF, the African Development Bank, and economic actors in