The President of the Security Council presents his compliments to the members of the Council and has the honour to transmit herewith, for their information, a copy of a **letter dated 24 March 2020 from the Chair of the Burundi Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission** addressed to the President of the Security Council, and its enclosure.

The letter and its enclosure will be issued as a document of the Security Council under the symbol S/2020/232.

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(4) The UN system and the PBC should continue supporting Burundi in protecting and promoting the full realization of all human rights, including through the work carried out by national institutions and the implementation of the recommendations from the Universal Periodic Review.

(5) I encourage bilateral and multilateral partners and the Government of Burundi to continue their dialogue R Q W K H L P S O H P H Q W D W L R Q R I % X U X Q G L ¶2027, as well as D O ' H Y H with a view to create conducive conditions for the resumption of suspended assistance.

(6) The electoral period must not deflect attention from acute and chronic needs of the population. I encourage authorities at all levels to facilitate cooperation to meet those needs and to ensure access of providers of relevant goods and services throughout the country. I also urge donors to respond rapidly to the Humanitarian Response Plan for 2020.

(7) The orderly and voluntary return of Burundian refugees remains a key issue, which requires additional funding in order to enable the voluntary and dignified return of refugees and to support their sustainable reintegration.

I have informed the Member States of the Burundi Configuration of the UN Peacebuilding Commission about the outcomes of my visit on 25 February 2020.

At the time of this letter (19 March), the Burundi authorities have not reported any cases of COVID-19.

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