

to: Members of the PBC (OC & CSMs)

27 March 2012

Meeting of the PBC Chairs

Summary No. 2012/54

The meeting was attended by Bangladesh (Chair), Croatia (Vice-Chair), Belgium (Chair of the CAR Configuration), Brazil (Chair of the Guinea-Bissau Configuration), Canada (Chair of the Sierra Leone Configuration), Luxembourg (Chair of the Guinea Configuration), Switzerland (Chair of the Burundi Configuration), and Japan (Chair of the Working Group on Lessons Learned). The PBSO was also present. The meeting was chaired by the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh and addressed the following subjects:

Briefing by the PBC Chairperson on the outcome of his bilateral consultations

1. The Chair informed the Group that, after assumption of the chairmanship, he had a series of bilateral meetings with representatives of the countries on the PBC agenda, the permanent members of the Security Council, donor countries, as well the Chairs of the Country-Configurations. The Chair noted that the main themes emerged during those discussions include: the need to strengthen the relations between the Commission and the Security Council, the need to generate increased political support for the PBC, and the importance of reinforcing the Commission's role in resource mobilization for the countries on its agenda. The Chair informed that, following-up on these suggestions, and in order to enhance the visibility of the Commission also at the capital level, he wishes to organize a high-level event in September 2012 on "Sustainable peace: the long-term engagement of the international community". The Chair also noted that resource mobilization is a core mandate of the PBC, reflected in the 2010 Review and in the Roadmap of Actions in 2011 and 2012. In this regard, he proposed to hold a multi-stakeholder meeting to attract traditional and non-traditional donors. The Chair added that the purpose of such meeting would be to present an overview of critical funding gaps and needs in critical priority areas identified in the PBC's instruments of engagement with the countries on the agenda.

2. The Chairs welcomed the idea of increasing the visibility of the Commission. They reminded that resource mobilization is not the only mandate of the PBC. Regarding the proposed high-level event, Brazil and Luxembourg noted that, during the month of September, delegations are likely to be preoccupied with the high-level segment of the General Assembly and other side events. The Chairs agreed to take this fact into account while considering the organization of PBC high-level event.

Other matters

4. PBSO presented the budget for PBC field visits for the biennium 2012-2013. Japan