

Peacebuilding Commission
Informal meeting of the Organizational Committee
23 November 2010

Chairperson's Summary of the Discussion

Background

1. On 23 November 2010, the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) convened an informal meeting. The PBC Chairperson presided over the meeting. The agenda for the meeting included the following items: (1) Taking forward the recommendations of the report of the Co-Facilitators on the "Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture"; and (2) Other matters.

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[d] The Chairs also referred to differentiated, yet ongoing progress in the

4. In addition, Chairs have elaborated on _____ undertaken by the respective configurations in support of critical peacebuilding priorities in the countries on the agenda, such as emphasis on: the regional dimension of peacebuilding, including by improved collaboration with other country configurations; and national capacity development/ownership in the areas of security, border control and combating narco trafficking. Chairs have also emphasized their intention to place additional emphasis on: seeking (also in relation to exploring more dynamic interaction between Headquarters and the field); _____; exploring

_____ . Chairs referred to the potential role of the Organizational Committee in facilitating cross learning among country configurations and the WGLL.

5. During the subsequent discussion, members made a number of comments and suggestions with respect to _____ for taking forward the implementation of the recommendations emanating from the 2010 review as follows:

_____ The majority of members underscored the need to place due emphasis on improving PBC's field relevance and impact. In particular, members linked this objective with the need to ensure that PBC continues to adopt _____, which are derived from existing national strategies, and able to respond to changing priorities in the field. Members called for evaluation, in due course, of the SMC in Liberia, with a view of determining the applicability of similar instruments for future country engagements. Members also stressed the need for the PBC to _____ by promoting a focused approach to national capacity development in critical peacebuilding priorities (e.g security apparatus; employment generation; economic revitalization). A number of members also referred to the need to consider _____ as it exercises its mandate to align relevant actors behind a common vision for peacebuilding. Others highlighted the need for the PBC to consider the most _____, building on more substantive support and analysis from PBSO.

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directly relevant to the PBC's engagement with countries on its agenda or its role in developing and disseminating lessons learned on peacebuilding

_____ Chairs and members agreed that while it is crucial for the PBC's work to feed into the deliberations and decision making process of all UN principal organs, the relationship with the Security Council is crucial to ensuring appropriate response to needs of and progress in the majority of countries emerging from conflict. In this regard, members also recognized that members of the Security Council who are members of the PBC may need to reflect more thoroughly within the Council on how best to draw on the Commission's advice. One member suggested that ASG PBSO could be invited to brief the Council periodically and referred to recent progress in facilitating informal dialogues of the Council with the Chairs of country configurations, on a case by case basis. Members also called for PBC's engagement in the near future to be a focus of the Commission on the Ü p

