

Peacebuilding Commission
Informal meeting of the Organizational Committee
23 March 2010

Chairperson's Summary of the Discussion

Background and Context

On 23 March 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) Partnership for peacebuilding: Interaction with key

The presentations by the panelists and the subsequent discussions produced the following observations:

which was circulated to members an

peacebuilding continues to prevail in the Council, thus affecting sustainability of peacebuilding efforts. One member proposed that the Secretary-General should be requested to include a dedicated section on peacebuilding in his regular reports to the Security Council on peacekeeping and special political missions in PBC and non-PBC countries.

Members also highlighted the importance of national ownership as the guarantor for sustainability such efforts. At the same time, participants underlined that ownership needs to be based on building human and institutional capacities which need special focus and attention in post-conflict settings. Participants also advised that such ownership should be construed broadly to ensure participation of all national actors and some members highlighted the critical supporting role of regional partners. Moreover, it was suggested that the PBC could build a knowledge base – possibly through the Working Group on Lessons Learned – on the relevance of peacebuilding for traditional norms and institutions. The discussions also addressed funding for peacebuilding activities as key factor to ensure success and sustainability. In this regard, members alluded to the role of PBF and advocated for closer synergy with the PBC, albeit with the Secretary General retaining final authority over allocation. It was also noted that subjecting PBF allocation to the approval of an intergovernmental body would make it difficult for certain countries to continue contributing to the Fund. There was broad agreement on the need for a closer relationship between the PBC and the IFIs, whose engagement was acknowledged as being critical for long-term and sustainable development. Support was also expressed for enhanced coordination with regional development banks.

In summarizing the discussions in the previous three sessions, the Chairperson underlined that the discussions reflected a sense of commitment by

Coordination and partnerships:

- Helping to overcome fragmentation and avoid overlap of actions;
- Promoting a shared vision on peacebuilding gaps and priorities at the country level;
- Developing its role as facilitator of UN and non-UN engagement at the country-level;
- Promoting partnerships with IFIs and regional organizations/entities (e.g. AU and EU);

Linkage between peacekeeping and peacebuilding:

- Strengthening its advisory role to Security Council in the design and review of peacekeeping mandates;

Agenda and forms of engagement:

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