

Peacebuilding Commission
Informal meeting of the Central African Republic Country Configuration
13 November 2013

Chairperson's Summary of the Discussion

Background

1. On 13 November 2013, the Central African Republic (CAR) configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) convened an informal Ambassadorial-level discussion on the country. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnjak, Chairperson of the PBC. Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under Secretary-General for Political Affairs, and General Babacar Gaye, Special Representative of the Secretary-General to CAR, participated in the discussion.

2. The objective of the discussion was to change views on a possible PBC role in support of ongoing UN efforts aimed at addressing the situation in CAR. Noting that it was not a traditional meeting of a PBC country configuration, the PBC Chair, posed two specific questions to guide the discussion, namely: 1) Where would the PBC fit in the current environment in CAR? and; 2) How could the PBC support the UN efforts on the ground?

Briefing by Mr. Feltman and SRSB Gaye

3. Mr. Feltman, who had participated in the third meeting of the International Contact Group (ICG) on the Central African Republic, in Bangui, on 8 November, underscored the importance of concluding a 18-month transition, with elections taking place by February 2015. The Bangui declaration adopted by the ICG on 8 November provided a number of possible entry points for PBC engagement in the country, including accompaniment of the political transition, the deployment of local administration and reestablishment of law and order, and good governance and public finance transparency. Members of the ICG agreed that the restoration of public law and order was an essential pre-requisite for the success of the stabilization efforts, to be followed by disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of the armed groups and extensive security sector reform. Mr. Feltman was of the view that the PBC could play a role in support of the UN and regional efforts in these three areas. He concluded his intervention by emphasizing the need for the international community to speak with one voice.

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international attention and support for the country. He
situation in CAR as of particular concern and that free, fair
February 2015 was the only way forward. He also
stabilization of the security situation, which was d
intensified inter-communal violence. The SRSB no
African-led International Support Mission for CAR (M

stabilize the situation without delay. He also noted that the PBC could helpfully support the mobilization of support for the deployment and operations of MISCA, in particular for projects aimed at restoring trust and livelihood for the population. The SRSG further emphasized that PBC's support to the upcoming elections, to re-building state institutions and to improving the economic and financial situations in the country was of great importance to send a powerful message of solidarity with the transitional government and the people of CAR.

out focusing on the following four minimum requirements, namely: 1) Thorough vetting of the prospective members of the police and gendarmerie; 2) Broad-based oversight mechanism; 3) incremental “Tranche-by-tranche” funding, and: 4) coordination with a similar/complementary EU-funded project.

Next steps