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pledges in support of the PRSP. At the same conference, the Government of Burundi made a number of commitments aimed at pursuing the main policy reforms required by the implementation of the PRSP. Subsequently the Chair of the Burundi Configuration visited Burundi in January and June 2013 to discuss the follow up on the Geneva Conference (i) encouraging partners to materialize pledges made in Geneva, and (ii) encouraging the government of Burundi to pursue the commitments made in Geneva.

Central African Republic:

The peacebuilding process in the Central African Republic is going through a difficult period. Despite its engagement with the Peacebuilding Commission and support from the Peacebuilding Fund, the country has witnessed another setback with the overthrow, in March this year, of the elected regime in Bangui, thus demonstrating the fact that peacebuilding is not a linear progression. However, thanks to its critical and timely intervention, ECCAS, the Economic Community of Central African States, managed to avoid further escalation, and to force the de-facto authorities into a transition process leading to elections within a set timeframe. The Peacebuilding Commission will continue its support to this process and, in due course, once the security and political situation allows, will fully reengage with the country.

Guinea:

The PBC engagement with Guinea provided a platform for improved dialogue on key peacebuilding priorities, through the first review of the Statement of Mutual Commitments between the Government of Guinea and the PBC. The Peacebuilding Fund Joint Steering Committee in Guinea has coordinated the input of the Government of Guinea and the United Nations country team to the first review of the statement of mutual commitments, thus ensuring the coherence between the work of the Peacebuilding Commission and the support of the Peacebuilding Fund in the country.

The PBC offered an additional space to engage the Government and political actors on the legislative elections. The discussion of election-related issues has triggered important initiatives such as a project led by the National Democratic Institute aimed at strengthening the confidence of political parties in the electoral process. The Chair of the Guinea Configuration visited Guinea last February to support the preparation of the upcoming legislative elections and discuss ways for the PBC to engage in resource mobilization efforts. The PBC continues to accompany the preparation of the election and to mobilize members for financial and technical support to the legislative election.

Guinea-Bissau:

The work of the PBC has been hampered by the illegitimate change of Government in April last year. But here too, the sub-regional organizations are taking a leading role in working with the de-facto authorities to manage the transition process which will allow the country to return to constitutional order. ECOWAS, the AU, EU, UN and the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) are working together to provide the needed support to implement that transition, which, once completed, will see the international community reengage in full with the country.

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