

Peacebuilding Commission
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and overall security situation very precarious. Dr. Kälin recommended to step-up the deployment of FACA to provide minimum security.

4. Dr. Kälin

government, the civil society and the international community was crucial to making headway, and he hoped that timeline of activities which had been adopted would yield concrete results.

9. The Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of BINUCA, Ms. Sahle-Work Zewde briefed the commission on the latest political and security

praised both for their commitment to the peacebuilding process in the Central African Republic.

- 13.** South African encourage all parties in CAR to increase the momentum to find solutions, and was encouraged by the desire to deepen their engagement to achieve their goals of DDR and for successful holding of elections.
- 14.** The African Union representative welcomed the timeliness of the meeting, as the AU Summit was taking place in Kampala, and which would afford the opportunity to discuss the situation in CAR.
- 15.** Questions were raised regarding the activities of the LRA, the impact on the electoral calendar in light of the IEC decision to opt for electronic electoral cards, and the fallout from the withdrawal at the end of the year of MINURCAT.
- 16.** In response, SRSZ Zewde indicated that with regards to MINURCAT, it would be advisable to wait for the issuance of the SG's report on the matter, which was being finalized in consultation with SRSZ MINURCAT. As for the timing of elections, the tentative timeline was presented last month by the IEC, but consultations were still ongoing to reach consensus with all stakeholders. These consultations included considerations to the proposal of electronic voter registration. LRA attacks were happening and creating additional displacement, while the CAR defence and security forces (FACA) had strengthened their presence in the South-East.
- 17.** The World Bank representative took the floor to announce an initiative by Ms. Obiageli Ezekwesili, Vice President of the World Bank for the Africa Region to strengthen its cooperation with the PBC, with a view to enhancing its support to CAR. Discussions had been ongoing between PBC and the SRSZ in this regard to maximize complementary of efforts. The World Bank welcomed any advice on what the next steps should be and how the World Bank could help.
