

Draft Statement at PBC Chair hand-over, PBC meeting on March 9, 2015

Your Excellency Ambassador Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, outgoing Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC),

Your Excellency Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support;

Distinguished Ambassadors and delegations of the members of the Organizational Committee,

Distinguished representatives of the countries on the PBC agenda and those serving in the capacities as Vice-Chair, chairs of the PBC cou

- 5) and providing a forum in which the troop contributors, the bilateral development partners, regional actors and most importantly the country concerned, could come together to ensure greater coherence of support and extend the period of political attention.

This vision remains equally relevant today. And by working together we can take further steps during 2015 to realize this vision.

Excellencies,

The guiding principle for our Chairmanship will be how to make the biggest possible difference for the countries seeking our support. The PBC should continue to strengthen its convening role by bringing together all relevant actors.

Therefore, we want to work closely with all the country configurations, finding ways for the PBC OC to add further value to the country specific work. We want to listen carefully to the countries on the PBC agenda and to build on their best practices. We are also keen to engage with other countries emerging from conflict on how the PBC could provide relevant and flexible support to them.

Beyond this, and in line with the Forward Agenda set out in the Annual Report, we see four priorities for the next 6 months.

Firstly, the peacebuilding review. An impressive group of panelists have just started their work. We are looking forward to their findings that will provide important input to the intergovernmental process in the fall. As Chair of the PBC

