

**Peacebuilding Commission
Working Group on Lessons Learned**

**Relationship between the PBC and the Security Council:
Possible areas and situations for advice**

Transition of UN Missions in PBC agenda countries

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With these processes simultaneously taking shape, the WGLL has initiated an exercise by which it attempts to generate and improve knowledge and understanding of the lessons learned from past UN experiences in conducting transitions of missions and of how the PBC can support a more integrated and coherent transition processes in countries on its agenda. The WGLL exercise has also explored measures which the PBC could undertake to sustain political and financial, national and international support to long-term peacebuilding efforts throughout and beyond the mission draw-down in the three countries concerned. The exercise has further explored possible ways that go beyond periodic formal briefings to the Security Council, in which the PBC's advice in support of transition in these countries could be reflected in the corresponding decisions taken by the Security Council.

the PBC to help sustain attention and resource of the international community to long-term post-conflict peacebuilding objectives and in the context of its advisory role to the Security Council, the added-value of the PBC has been identified as follows:

- Promoting and advocating a more coherent understanding of short and long-term peacebuilding objectives on the ground, thus ensuring sustainability, focus, and coordination of United Nations and other partners' engagement beyond the draw-down of the missions.
- Becoming a vehicle through which the views and perspectives of all relevant actors (national, international, United Nations) are factored in the Security Council decision on transitions and that these decisions are grounded in country level realities.
- Advising the Security Council on national preparedness for assuming key functions performed by the Mission with support of development actors from within and outside the United Nations.
- Supporting UNCT preparedness to respond to emerging challenges in post-mission scenarios by initiating early analysis of critical national capacity gaps. This analysis could help inform the Council's design of the transition process and draw early attention to these gaps.
- Helping to strengthen local financial governance and to mobilize partnerships within and outside the UN system including IFIs, private sector, and foundations which could in turn help in addressing eventual funding gaps following the