Chair's Summary

Peacebuilding Commission Working Group on Lessons Learned

Promoting Collaboration and Improving Coordination between the PBC and Regional and sub-regional Organizations: A Briefing by ECOWAS and the OAS

1. On 30 March 2009, the Peacebuilding Commission's Working Group on Lessons Learned (Working Group) convened a panel discussion on "Promoting Collaboration and Improving Coordination between the PBC and Regional and sub-regional Organizations." The meeting focused on the experiences of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), particularly in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea Bissau and the experiences of the Organization of American States (OAS), particularly in Haiti.

2. In her opening remarks, the chair of the Working Group, Ambassador Carmen Maria Gallardo Hernandez, Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations, underlined the increasingly significant role of regional and sub-regional institutions in