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## **PBC – AFRICAN MEMBERS OF THE PBC AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES**

### **ENGAGED WITH THE PBC**

**New York, 6 February 2019**

#### **Talking points**

- I would like to warmly welcome all of you to this informal breakfast meeting. We are pleased to see you and be able to have an informal talk about the works of the PBC for 2019.
- Colombia assumes this chairmanship as an opportunity for the PBC to achieve the key goals that will improve the management and performance of this Commission in its work for the consolidation of peace.
- As I said in my inaugural statement on the 28th, Colombia's recent history, our experience in building peace and our attachment to the principle of national ownership will guide our work during the next twelve months. Our idea is to focus on the seven priorities exposed.
- First, to improve the role of the PBC as a connecting bridge between the main organs of the United Nations, such as the General Assembly, the Security Council and ECOSOC.
- Likewise, we consider that the advisory role to the Security Council has a lot of potential that can be worked on, particularly when the Council is considering the formation, drawdown and review of mission mandates
- Promoting a regional approach. We believe that the Commission could eventually play a role and enable to coordinate with various regional organizations in order to ensure that they are coherent with each other and, therefore, have a greater impact.
- Fostering closer partnerships with IFIs, regional organizations and civil society, and strengthening existing associations such as, the World Bank, the African Bank and other sub-regions such as the ECOWAS and the Mano River Union.
- We want to direct this year's agenda to improve the effectiveness among the countries receiving contributions from the PBF and strengthen the synergies between the Fund and the Commission.



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- Sharing experiences and lessons learned, not only between the members of the Commission but also with other member States, using the Commission as a platform for sharing experiences is very important.
- And finally, framed within an examination of the peacebuilding architecture for 2020, we hope to have your informal consultations to seek their views on what they expect from the next review.
- In order to build a successful 2019 work plan, we would like to hear the priorities that each of you has towards this upcoming year as the African continent is positioned on the top of the priorities of the PBC. We therefore thank the interventions made in the last formal meeting.
- Egypt, as the new vice chair of the PBC, encouraged to improve the association between Africa and the UN, especially the Sahel region and the challenges it faces from climate change. We view this advice as very valuable.
- Kenia invited the PBC to focus our attention in the local and regional initiatives to strengthen the efforts of the PBC. Proposal that will help the PBC in improving the partnerships and engagements with the stakeholders involved.
- The statement made by Morocco, president of the Central African Republic, addressed the progress made by this country thanks to the key role that the main organs of the UN played. Additionally, a future visit to Central African Republic and a report that will come from it was mentioned.
- This is an ambitious programme and it can only be realized if all of us work together to implement it. With that in mind, I wish to seek your views on these priorities.
- Africa represents the main area of work for the Commission and I am very eager to listen to what you, the African countries in the PBC and the countries that have engaged with the Commission over the past few years, can share on how to strengthen the PBC.