



**PBC – CSC**  
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**Talking points**

- I would like to thank all the CSC chairs for today's briefings.
- Your commitment contributes to achieve PBC goals, as well as to improve the management and performance of each Configuration.
- Functioning in the midst of this pandemic has been a major challenge.
- Peace building priorities have somehow to be redefined to address effectively the COVID-19.
- For the PBC, it is important to advance in the work with the configurations.
- **Burundi, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Central African Republic, and Sierra Leone** continue facing important challenges.
- A common denominator is the lack of economic resources and the need of a more coordinated effort among the stakeholders.
- We should promote a regional approach to ensure coherence and impact.
- It is essential to strengthening the relationship with current partners and to foster new alliances with International Financial Institutions, civil society, among others.



- This fulfils the purpose of overcoming the pandemic and reaffirming the peace building priorities.
- The main organs of the United Nations are playing a very important role in this process.
- I recognize the extraordinary job and countless efforts from the Ambassadors Jürg Lauber, Ronaldo Costa Filho, Anna Karin, and Omar Hilale as CSC chairs. The support of your governments has been invaluable.
- Ambassador Marc Andre Blanchard as PBC Chair has demonstrated leadership and engagement. We are grateful with Canada.
- Also I recognize the work of the Government of Liberia, Burundi, Central African Republic, Guinea Bissau and Sierra Leone for the commitment with this commission.
- Today I want to pay a special tribute to Jürg, given that this is one of his last meetings in New York.
- I thank his personal commitment to Burundi, his countless travels, and attention given to the electoral cycle of 2020 and the economic situation of the refugee programs.
- I am certain that PBC and the Burundian people will miss you.
- Let me conclude reiterating that in Colombia we are convinced that there is not sustainable development without peace and peace without sustainable development.

Thank you.



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