Letter dated 28 December 2007 from the Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 11 December 2007 (S/2007/744), addressed to me in my capacity as Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission, in which you conveyed the invitation of the Security Council to the Peacebuilding Commission to provide advice on the situation in Guinea-Bissau.

I am pleased to inform you that, at a meeting held on 19 December 2007, the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission agreed to place Guinea-Bissau on the Commission’s agenda. The Commission also agreed to establish a country-specific configuration, to be chaired by Maria Viotti, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations, to assist Guinea-Bissau in its peacebuilding efforts.

The Commission took note of the Security Council’s request and will establish, in close contact with the authorities of Guinea-Bissau, the priorities and programme of work of the Guinea-Bissau configuration, mindful of the need to develop an integrated strategic approach to meet the challenges of peacebuilding in the country.

The Commission looks forward to informing you of its preliminary findings as soon as possible and keeping you informed of progress on its consideration of the matter.

(Signed) Yukio Takasu
Chairperson, Peacebuilding Commission