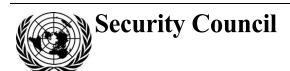
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Letter dated 8 June 2022 from the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council

I thank you for inviting the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission to submit written advice, under rule 39 of the Security Council's provisional rules of procedure, in connection with the meeting on the Central African region, scheduled for Wednesday, 8 June 2022 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Rabab Fatima Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission





Annex to the letter dated 8 June 2022 from the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission's advice to the Security Council on the Central African region

In the past few years, the Peacebuilding Commission, in line with its mandate, has sought to mobilize support for regional peacebuilding efforts in Chad, the Lake Chad basin, the Central African Republic and Burundi in the Central African region, including through the Commission's respective country configurations and in close cooperation with the African Union and the Economic Community of Central African States.

Based on its continuing engagement, the Commission would like to share the following points:

The Commission notes the ongoing efforts of the Chadian transitional authorities to implement the transitional road map adopted in July 2021. The Commission hopes that the pre-dialogue in Doha with the armed opposition meets expectations for an inclusive peace agreement, including a viable process for disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, so as to enable the inclusive national dialogue to start.

The Commission acknowledges the important support provided to the unfolding transition by the African Union, as well as other subregional, regional and international partners, and welcomes the recent appointment of an Economic Community of Central African States envoy for Chad.

The Commission reiterates its commitment to continuing to support the efforts of the Chadian authorities during the transition and calls upon international partners to provide further political, technical and financial support for the transition, notably the national dialogue, the envisaged disarmament, demobilization and reintegration process and the elections.

The Commission welcomes the efforts of the Lake Chad Basin Commission to promote regional integration, peace, security and development in the Lake Chad region, despite the multiple security challenges facing the region. The Commission stresses the need to increase support for the implementation of the Regional Stabilization, Recovery and Resilience Strategy for Areas Affected by Boko Haram in the Lake Chad Basin Region, with a focus on the critical role of the territorial action plans.

The Commission welcomes the expansion of the Lake Chad Basin Commission support base to include humanitarian, development and peace actors, and notes that sustained partnership among the Lake Chad Basin Commission, the African Union, the Economic Community of Central African States, the Economic Community of West African States, the United Nations and the governors of the affected regions in the implementation of the regional strategy is critical for peacebuilding in the region. The Commission looks forward to the further use of dialogue platforms that allow the key implementing actors to interact with civil society and the private sector.

The Commission welcomes the progress made in promoting the effective participation of women in the Central African region and encourages continuous efforts to empower women and young people to meaningfully participate in current and future governance mechanisms.

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The Commission welcomes the positive progress made in Burundi in recent years, including advances related to civil and political rights and some widening of the democratic space, as well as the efforts made by its Government to build relations with the neighbouring countries to foster peace.

The Commission welcomes the holding of the republican dialogue in the Central African Republic and looks forward to the holding of municipal elections in the near future.

The Commission underlines the need to continue to mobilize support for national peacebuilding and development efforts in the Central African region, including through the Peacebuilding Fund. In this regard, the Commission welcomes the recent approval of the Peacebuilding Fund projects in Chad and Burundi.

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