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Letter dated 10 November 2023 from the Chair of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council

It is my pleasure to share with you, in my capacity as Chair of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission, the advice of the Commission pertaining to the upcoming renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) (see annex). The advice, presented to you by the Commission in its advisory capacity to the Security Council, is the outcome of a consultative process within the Commission.

I remain at the disposal of the Security Council to provide further information and clarifications, as may be required. The Peacebuilding Commission, through its Central African Republic configuration, will continue to accompany the Central African Republic and inform the Council of peacebuilding-related developments, as appropriate.

I kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated to the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 10 November 2023 from the Chair of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council

Advice of the Peacebuilding Commission to the Security Council on the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

Pursuant to Security Council resolution [2282 \(2016\)](#), in which the Council reaffirmed the Peacebuilding Commission's advisory role to the Security Council, the Commission's Central African Republic configuration continued its engagement, including the sharing of experiences and lessons learned in peacebuilding from the Central African Republic context, with members of the Commission.

Despite the persistence of many challenges, including continued armed conflict in certain areas, which is taking a disproportionate toll on the civilian population, and the humanitarian and human rights situation, many encouraging positive developments took place over the past year in the Central African Republic.

We need to capitalize on these developments to sustain and strengthen the country's commitment and path towards recovery and lasting peace.

On the basis of its continued engagement, the Commission would like to share the following points:

1. The Commission welcomes the continued efforts of the authorities of the Central African Republic to ensure national and local ownership of the peace process, notably by implementing the commitments made to ensure complementarity and maintain synergy at the political level within the framework of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the Central African Republic and the Luanda joint road map for peace in the Central African Republic. The Commission takes note of the second strategic review, held on 23 October, and commends the progress in the harmonized implementation of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation and the joint road map. The extension of State authority and national reconciliation are essential to rebuild the country's social fabric and create the conditions for lasting peace. The Commission stresses the importance of dialogue, reconciliation, social cohesion and inclusive governance in achieving peace, security and sustainable development.

2. The Commission emphasizes that the upcoming local elections, scheduled to take place in October 2024, offer a unique opportunity to make further progress in the political and peace processes and reiterates the centrality of securing a fair, open, credible and inclusive election process, especially with respect to the participation of women and youth in the election and electoral process. The Government of the Central African Republic has taken important steps to create a favourable environment for the holding of local elections, including in cooperation with the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA). The Commission reiterates its concern over the significant persistent budgetary shortfall and stresses the importance of the international community remaining committed to supporting this endeavour.

3. Disarmament and demobilization are essential to putting an end to violence and insecurity. The Commission commends the significant progress made in the demobilization, disarmament and reintegration of armed groups, as well as the positive results of efforts undertaken as part of the national disarmament, demobilization, repatriation and reintegration programme in the Central African

Republic, which include the demobilization and subsequent dissolution of 9 out of 14 armed groups among the signatories of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation. The Commission notes the valuable role of the Peacebuilding Fund in supporting projects that promote the reintegration of former combatants and that foster community resilience, with a special focus on youth at risk and women, in line with the national disarmament, demobilization, repatriation and reintegration programme. The Commission further calls for additional financial support to ensure access to appropriate and long-term reintegration programmes. These increased efforts will prevent demobilized persons from relapsing into violence. The Commission encourages continued cooperation between the authorities of the Central African Republic and their partners to create synergy and complementarity, including with peace, development and humanitarian actors and with a view to mobilizing resources for awareness campaigns and to pursue disarmament operations for remnants of armed groups. The Commission further encourages the international community to provide more financial and technical support to the Central African Republic on security sector reform and on capacity-building of the armed forces, including support for accountability and good governance in the defence and security services, as well as for overcoming persistent socioeconomic challenges.

4. Recognizing the central importance of combating impunity and of promoting accountability and justice in order to build trust and sustainable peace and to ensure national reconciliation, and further highlighting the importance of the rule of law, its institutions and transitional justice mechanisms in this regard, the Commission underlines the crucial need to provide adequate, predictable and sustainable financing, as well as technical and logistical support, in order for such institutions and mechanisms to perform their mandated tasks, most notably the Special Criminal Court and the Truth, Justice, Reparation and Reconciliation Commission. The Commission further highlights the importance of providing support to military justice.

5. The Commission underscores the enduring relevance of the deployment of MINUSCA and stresses the importance of all actors supporting the peacekeeping mission in implementing its mandate. The Commission further recalls the importance of enhanced multilateral and bilateral cooperation and coordination within the region and subregion in order to assist the Central African Republic with its peacebuilding processes, in accordance with its identified priorities and with full respect for the principle of national ownership. Reinforced mobilization and cooperation in the subregion are particularly necessary on border issues including support to the National Commission for Border Management.