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National Capacities and Sustainability of Resources in the Context of U.N. Missions  
Transitions

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I would like to express my appreciation to Ambassador Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), who successfully organized its first annual session.

I am also grateful for presentations by Ms. Ameera Haq, Under Secretary-General for the Department of Field Support, Dr. Samura Kamara, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sierra Leone, and Mr. Joel Hellman from the World Bank. Following their insightful presentations, I would like to make a few remarks.

As Chair of the Working Group on Lessons Learned, Japan has convened three meetings since January on the challenges I am grateful for the participation by not only the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), but also various U.N. departments and agencies, including the Department of Political Affairs (DPA), the Department of Public Information (DPI), the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

At the meetings of the Working Group, we also heard from three PBC agenda countries fa(by2(3(n of Jt64 TB(C )JTJETBT9v)(el)-2(opm)12(ador)JTJETm 0bTBT9v)(el)BT1 4 TB(C ))

In order to overcome these two challenges, many experts and participants at the meetings of the Working Group on Lessons Learned suggested that host states and the international community agree on shared objectives and create frameworks based on mutual commitments.

Many are in development right now.

countries as examples.

The first is Sierra Leone where a U.N. political mission has terminated. In 2009, Sierra Leone and Canada, Chair of the Sierra Leone Configuration, co-hosted a PBC high-level session in which the national agenda endorsed. The outcome of this session was reviewed by the PBC for three years until 2012. Ambassador Guillermo Rishchynski of Canada, as chair of Sierra Leone Configuration, facilitated the process.

This year, a Mutual Accountability Framework was established by the government of Sierra Leone and its partners. The Framework ensures the government of Sierra Leone to commit to fostering inclusive political settlements. In turn, the Framework encourages the international community to maintain financial support for Sierra Leone.

The second example is Burundi. In anticipation of the withdrawal of the U.N. political mission by the end of this year, efforts are being made, 1) to enhance the political dialogue, 2) to conduct elections in an inclusive manner, and 3) to encourage the international community to maintain financial and political support. Ambassador Paul Seger of Switzerland, as Chair of the Burundi Configuration, is working to hold a roundtable to reach a mutual commitment.