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Visit of the Chair of the CAR country specific configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission

Bangui, March 7, 2014 - The Chair of the Central African Republic country specific configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), and Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations, Ambassador Mohammed Loulichki, paid a visit to the CAR, from 5 to 8 March. He is accompanied by the Director of the Peacebuilding Support Office, Kenny Gluck.

The purpose of the visit is to, among others:

- Interact with different stakeholders on peacebuilding in the CAR;
- Exchange views with the transitional authorities on their priorities for the attention of the PBC, in light of the political and security situations in the CAR;
- Exchange views on the optimization of the political and diplomatic support to the efforts of BINUCA, MISCA, the United Nations Country Team and the Transitional Government.

During this first visit, since he assumed this position in January 2014, Ambassador Loulichki is having meetings with key officials of the Transition, including members of the Government, religious leaders and representatives of civil society, particularly women and youth associations, and international organizations, as well as the commanders of international security forces, MISCA and Sangaris.

In accordance with its mandate, the Peacebuilding Commission helps in the coordination of international efforts to peace consolidation. To this end, the Chair of the CAR country specific configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will make recommendations to the United Nations Security Council and the General Assembly, at the end of his visit.

It will be recalled that thanks to the Peacebuilding Commission, its Support Office has

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recently financed, up to \$ 2.5 million, a project aimed at urgent restoring the operational capabilities of the Police and the Gendarmerie in Bangui. This project takes into account the rehabilitation and equipping of eight (8) Police Stations and three (3) Gendarmerie barracks in Bangui, to support efforts to provide security the capital and its periphery.

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