



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 December 2014

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 25 November 2014 and for your leadership in the Peacebuilding Commission.

I am encouraged to hear about the importance that the Commission is giving to the potential impact of the Ebola crisis in the areas of security, local governance, political institutions and social cohesion in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. I am particularly grateful for the interest that the Commission has expressed in complementing recovery efforts in the affected countries.

I fully agree with your extremely timely suggestion for the United Nations to undertake an assessment of the impact of the Ebola epidemic on post-conflict peacebuilding efforts in the three affected countries. I will mobilize the institutional resources and capacities of the United Nations system to ensure that the concerns of the Commission and the Governments of the three countries are addressed.

As we continue our efforts to end the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak, we must consider how the United Nations will address the socioeconomic consequences of the crisis in the affected countries. Just as it was essential to place the operational work relating to the Ebola response under the overall leadership of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response, it is similarly critical for the work on Ebola-related recovery to be coordinated in order to ensure effective, efficient and coherent action.

His Excellency
Mr. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota
Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission
New York

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Towards this end, I have tasked the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with leading the initiatives of the United Nations system on Ebola-related recovery. UNDP will undertake these tasks in consultation with the Economic Commission for Africa, my Special Envoy on Ebola, the Peacebuilding Support Office, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the World Bank and the African Union.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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To: CDC (through ODSG),

1. I refer to attached letter addressed to the Secretary-General from H.E. Mr. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Chair of Peacebuilding Commission. The Chair advised that the Commission convened a joint meeting of its Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone Configurations to discuss the potential impact of the Ebola crisis.
2. At the meeting, participants emphasized and agreed upon the need to further assess the epidemic's impact in the areas of security, local governance, etc.
3. For your approval and clearance, attached is a response letter from the Secretary-General to H.E. Mr. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota.

Lenni Montiel
16 December 2014

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Re: Letter to PBC Chair - query from Yvette

Lenni Montiel to: Janice Willingston, Yvette Blanco
Cc: "Elizabeth Rolando", boyd, akiwumi1, Nadezda Novoseltseva

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The letter was prepared by DU and consulted this morning with PBSO.
However, in the process of consultation about the potential work of PBSO on assessing ebola impact they have also been actively coordinating with UNDP the last three days.
Cheers. Lenni



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Nadezda Novoseltseva Dear Lenni, The letter has been cleared an...

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Dear Lenni,

The letter has been cleared and passed on to the CDC for approval.
In this regard, prior to submitting the letter to Ms. Malcorra, Yvette would like to know all offices consulted in preparing this draft.

Grateful if you could kindly address this query.

Thank you and kind regards,
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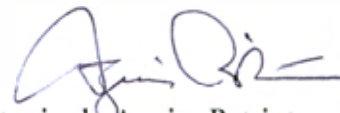
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At the meeting, many participants, including the Permanent Representatives of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone to the United Nations, UNDP, UNOWA and the World Bank, emphasized and agreed upon the need to further assess the epidemic's impact in the areas of security, local governance, political institutions, social cohesion and economic recovery, taking into consideration a comprehensive regional and longer-term approach. Such an assessment would help accelerate and more effectively guide international assistance for institutional and economic recovery.

In view of this agreement and the subsequent request I received from the three configurations, the Commission wishes to request that, the United Nations, under your leadership, undertake an assessment of the Ebola epidemic's impact on post-conflict peacebuilding efforts in these areas in the three affected countries. We are confident that this assessment would complement and support the ongoing work by United Nations entities, International Financial Institutions and regional organisations.

The Commission wishes to assure you of its continuing support to the United Nations efforts and leadership in the international fight to contain and eradicate the disease. The Commission also stands ready to work with the governments of the countries concerned and with all relevant international and regional actors to help support continued progress towards peace consolidation despite the new challenges posed by the epidemic. The Commission, therefore, is looking forward to your positive response.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antonio de Aguiar Patriota', is positioned above the printed name.

Antonio de Aguiar Patriota
Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission