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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), and I wish to draw your kind attention to the Outcome Document of the fourth review of the implementation of the Statement of Mutual Commitments (SMC) on Peacebuilding in Liberia for the period of January to December 2014 (PBC/9/LBR/2).

Liberia currently stands at a critical juncture with the country's Ebola recovery efforts, UNMIL's military component drawdown, and the presidential election in 2017 are taking place in short sequence. As I have expressed at a number of recent occasions, the Peacebuilding Commission will continue to ensure sustained attention of national, regional and international stakeholders on the peacebuilding-related priorities of Liberia during this period of recovery and transition.

To this end and given the developments in Liberia since the SMC was established in 2010 and the lessons learned from the Ebola outbreak in 2014, the Outcome Document of the review (PBC/9/LBR/2) stipulates an updated engagement for the PBC with Liberia. In this connection, the Commission would like to invite you to make recommendations to help develop the framework and determine the orientation of this updated engagement.

H.E. Ban Ki-moon
United Nations Secretary-General
New York

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The Commission believes that it would be an important opportunity to reassess the peacebuilding priorities of Liberia in order to ensure that the United Nations and Liberia's partner continue to accompany the peacebuilding process in the country over the medium to long term. Such reassessment assumes even greater relevance in view of the planned drawdown of UNMIL.

The Commission is keen to remain supportive of coherent and integrated United Nations engagement with Liberia during and beyond the drawdown of UNMIL. I understand that the Peacebuilding Support Office has initiated discussions already with relevant United Nations partners on the way forward for Liberia in anticipation of this request to you.

While awaiting your response to this request, I assure you that the Commission is committed to support the efforts of the Government of Liberia and the United Nations to consolidate and sustain peace in the country.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Olof Skoog

Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission