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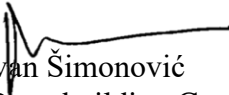
I am honoured to invite you, in my capacity as Chair of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (PBC), to participate in the Ministerial-level meeting of the Commission on *Peacebuilding and sustaining peace in an era of geopolitical transition: the role of the Peacebuilding Commission* scheduled for 22 September 2023, at the United Nations Headquarters at 10 AM (New York time).

Building on the outcome of the SDG Summit (18-19 September 2023), the preparatory Ministerial meeting of the Summit of the Future (21 September 2023), and the recommendations contained in the *New Agenda for Peace*, the Ministerial-level meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission is an opportunity to offer political guidance and build momentum – ahead of the Summit of the Future in 2024 and the 2025 Peacebuilding Architecture Review – for ambitious outcomes that bolster multilateral cooperation to address shared challenges to peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and the role that the Peacebuilding Commission can play in this endeavour.

I kindly request Member States to participate at Ministerial-level. For more information on the theme, format and structure of the meeting, your attention is kindly drawn to the attached concept note.

I would like to reiterate the importance of your participation in this significant policy forum of the Peacebuilding Commission, which aims to consolidate international solidarity and commitment to address the complex challenges of sustainable peace, with the recommendations in the *New Agenda for Peace* as a catalyst.

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



Ivan Šimonović

Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission

All Member States
of the Peacebuilding Commission