Peacebuilding Commission advice to the Security Council "Futureproofing Trust for Sustaining Peace"

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Mr. President, Members of the Council,

I thank you for inviting the Peacebuilding Commission to submit a written advice to the Security Council on the occasion of the open debate on "Futureproofing Trust for Sustaining Peace". Based on its country-specific, regional and cross-cutting work, its gender strategy and youth strategic action plan, and building on best practices shared by countries under its consideration, the Commission encourages the Security Council to consider:

- 1. Continuing to underscore the imperative of addressing the root causes of conflicts with a view to achieving lasting peace, security and stability as well as development based on national ownership.
- 2. Emphasizing inclusivity as key to advancing national peacebuilding priorities to ensure that the needs of all segments of society are taken into account and, in this regard, ensure the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in all aspects of peacebuilding and sustaining peace and inclusion of youth in peacebuilding efforts at the local, national, regional and global levels.
- 3. Underscoring the contributions of all relevant stakeholders, including regional and subregional organizations, IFIs, private sector and civil society organizations, to engage in peacebuilding activities of the countries on the Security Council's agenda, upon their request, with a view to fostering transparent and trustworthy processes which can lead to sustainable outcomes.
- 4. Placing a greater emphasis on actions that can have an impact on the ground, complementing the efforts of member states to ensure lasting peace and attainment of sustainable development goals, on the basis of national ownership and existing UN mandates, while ensuring efficiency, coherence, and leveraging our comparative advantages.
- 5. Emphasizing the importance of a comprehensive approach to sustaining peace, particularly through the prevention of conflict and addressing its root causes, strengthening the rule of law at the international and national levels, and promoting sustained and sustainable economic growth, poverty eradication, social development, sustainable development, national reconciliation and unity including through inclusive dialogue and mediation, access to justice and transitional justice, accountability, good governance, democracy, accountable institutions, gender equality and respect for, and protection of, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

- 6. Expressing its support for adequate, predictable and sustainable funding for peacebuilding activities in support of nationally identified priorities, and encourage the mobilization of financial resources for the implementation of peacebuilding activities.
- 7. Encouraging the effective monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of peacebuilding activities to assess progress, impact, and determine lessons learned.
- 8. The Commission stands ready to continue supporting the Council on peacebuilding and sustaining peace initiatives by continuing to provide strategic, targeted and timely advice to the Council based on good practices in fostering greater trust in peacebuilding processes that have emerged from the Commission's activities.

I thank you