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Excellencies,

I wish to formally extend an invitation to all Members of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) to participate in the first Annual Session of the Peacebuilding Commission, scheduled for Monday, 23 June 2014. The opening and closing segments of the session will take place at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM, respectively, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. I am pleased to inform that the UN Secretary-General has agreed to address the opening segment. The Presidents of the General Assembly and the Security Council have been invited to participate and address the closing segment. I am currently in contact with a potential keynote speaker who will be invited to address the opening segment.

Following-up on the decision taken on 3 December 2013 by the PBC's Organizational Committee to convene an annual session around the date of the observance of "Peacebuilding Day" (see annex to A/68/729 - S/2014/67 for the agreed modalities), and following-up on a series of consultations within the Committee, Member States have agreed that the theme of the Annual Session in 2014 would be "**Sustainable support for peacebuilding: the domestic and international aspects**". The opening segment is designed to place the theme in the broader strategic context of the multidimensional nature of peacebuilding.

Two interactive working sessions will address related sub-themes and will take place between the opening and closing segments. The discussions in the interactive sessions will aim at further elaborating where inter-governmental policy and political support can improve outcomes for people in countries emerging from conflict. An appraisal of the discussions at the interactive working sessions will be

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presented at the closing segment.

For more information on the theme, sub-themes and the structure of the event, your attention is kindly drawn to the attached concept paper. The concept paper and additional documents will also be available on the PBC website (<http://www.un.org/en/peacebuilding/annualsession2014.shtml>).

As stipulated in the agreed modalities, I wish to emphasise that Member States are strongly encouraged to ensure “participation of capital-based senior officials at the highest possible level”. You are kindly invited to consult the guidelines for participation attached to this letter.

I wish to emphasize the importance of your participation in this first ever annual session of the Peacebuilding Commission, so as to allow for a meaningful discussion and policy advancements, with a view to further enlisting international knowledge and efforts to address the complex challenges of sustainable peace.

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



Antonio de Aguiar Patriota

Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission