



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

16 July 2020

Excellency,

I wish to thank you, and all the Member States of the Peacebuilding Commission, for your letter dated 2 July 2020 in which you informed of the main elements that have emerged from the consultations the Commission has convened during the informal phase of the 2020 review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture.

I am grateful for the leadership of the Commission since the inaugural meeting of the review that I attended in November 2019. I also appreciate the flexibility of the Commission in convening virtually since March 2020, with Member States, the United Nations system, and civil society actors to discuss transitions, the role of women in peacebuilding, system-wide engagement in peacebuilding, institution building, financing and partnerships with international financial institutions and regional organizations.

I thank you for your recommendations and welcome the consensus among Member States around fundamental areas to strengthen our collective work on peacebuilding and sustaining peace. These include the importance of coherence in the work of the Organization, the benefits of the recent United Nations reforms, and the work of the Peacebuilding Fund to foster greater integration. I am also pleased to see broad consensus on the value of partnerships with relevant stakeholders and the Commission's commitment to enhancing implementation of its gender strategy. As you point out, we are still facing several challenges. Financing for peacebuilding, including for the Peacebuilding Fund, must be adequate, predictable and sustained. I reiterate my call for a quantum leap of support to the Fund and encourage all Member States to continue their consideration of my proposals in this regard.

The current review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture has been a broad and inclusive process, and your letter has provided valuable insights for my forthcoming report on peacebuilding and sustaining peace. I am confident that you will see many elements of your work reflected in the report which I will be presenting to Member States in September.

His Excellency
Mr. Marc-André Blanchard
Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission
New York

Excellency, I am aware of your imminent departure from New York and wish to thank you personally for your commitment, leadership and dedication to peacebuilding and sustaining peace. I look forward to working with your successor and all the members of the Peacebuilding Commission towards stronger and more effective support to peacebuilding.

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

with my warmest personal regards



António Guterres