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Excellency,

We are writing to you in our capacity as co-Chairs of the informal consultations convened by the President of the General Assembly on the Peacebuilding Commission.

At the conclusion of our first round of informal consultations on 3 November, the co-Chairs were mandated by the Membership to present a draft resolution; subsequently presented by the President of the General Assembly on 18 November. The text attempted to find reasonable compromise language and strike a balance on all outstanding issues taking into account comments made by Member States during the informal consultations, as well as in written communications and in bilateral contacts. Our goal has been to create a Peacebuilding Commission that would be effective, functional and that could make a difference on the ground.

When presenting the draft resolution on November 18, the President of the General Assembly encouraged Member States to examine the draft resolution in this light and with flexibility in mind to work towards finding an agreement as soon as possible. He encouraged Member States to communicate – in writing or verbally – their comments to the draft to the co-Chairs as well as to the Member States at large.

We wish to thank Member States for their many comments. While some were generally supportive, others were critical, and several restated positions taken in earlier rounds of consultations.

The World Summit decided to establish the Peacebuilding Commission as an advisory body with the main purpose of bringing together all rele-

vant actors to marshal resources and to advise on and propose integrated strategies for post-conflict peacebuilding and recovery. As Member States will recall, the Peacebuilding Commission is intended to fill an institutional gap, and was never supposed to duplicate or, indeed, alter the responsibilities of existing bodies of the United Nations.

The issues, on which Member States apparently continue to disagree, remain the same:

- 1) The Peacebuilding Commission's interaction with the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council.
- 2) The composition of the Organizational Committee.

The World Summit left us with a task and a deadline. No later than 31 December 2005, the Peacebuilding Commission should begin its work. The question is simple: Are we ready to implement the decision taken by our Heads of State and Government? In order to do so, we must all be prepared to make the necessary compromises and concessions.

We may not have found the right answers to each and every potential problem in relation to the functioning of the Peacebuilding Commission. No design of a new body can ever anticipate fully every situation or challenge it might encounter. That is why we, as co-Chairs, have included a review paragraph in the draft resolution, which will allow us to revert to the matter at a later stage and correct possible imperfections in light of the experiences gained.

Our next round of informal consultations will take place on **Tuesday, 6 December at 3:00 p.m.**

At these consultations the co-Chairs intend to focus on the two outstanding issues, referred to above, separately. For us to be able to have a full and balanced picture of the views of the membership as a whole, we would benefit if your views were brought to the table and presented in a fashion that reflects enough flexibility to reach an agreement.

We strongly urge delegations not to make prepared statements and not repeat well-known positions, but to participate in an interactive and constructive discussion in which solutions can be found.

The deadline given to us by our Heads of State and Government is approaching fast. Time has come for us to demonstrate that we are able to reach agreement on the outstanding issues and thereby ensure the implementation of our leaders' decision.

If we all approach our forthcoming consultations in this spirit, we are convinced we can reach the common goal; namely to give hope for a better future for the many men, women and children living in countries emerging from conflict. We cannot fail these expectations. This is also an historic opportunity for the General Assembly to prove itself.

We count on your cooperation and look forward to this – hopefully final - round of consultations.

Attached, please find a list, provided by the Secretariat, of the top contributors of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions. A note on the Peacebuilding Support Office will be circulated before the meeting Tuesday 6 December 2005. A list covering financial donors and a note on the Peacebuilding Fund are being prepared.

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

Yours Sincerely



Ellen Margrethe Loj  
Permanent Representative of Denmark  
Ambassador

Yours Sincerely



Augustine P. Mahiga  
Permanent Representative of Tanzania  
Ambassador

Monthly average of military personnel and civilian police  
provided by the top fifteen contributors to  
United Nations Missions over the past 3 years

Country	2005	2004	2003	3 year monthly average	Rank
Pakistan	9617	7862	4638	7240	1
Bangladesh	8372	7276	3587	6296	2
India	6122	3075	2827	3884	3
Nigeria	3094	3457	2861	3140	4
Ghana	3173	3029	2119	2750	5
Kenya	3452	2375	1791	2486	6
Uruguay	2871	2145	1757	2222	7
Jordan	2480	2042	1580	2008	8
Ethiopia	3422	2527	90	1930	9
Nepal	2253	2009	893	1687	10
South Africa	1499	1887	1207	1533	11
Morocco	1707	1333	658	1205	12
Ukraine	795	1346	1063	1084	13
Argentina	1008	804	586	787	14
Poland	707	732	736	726	15

**Explanatory Notes:**

1. Source: DPKO
2. Method of compilation: based on a monthly average over a three year period.
3. 2005 data is based on the first ten months.