



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

24 November 2015

Excellency,

Enclosed, please find for your kind attention a letter dated 20 November 2015 from the co-facilitators of the 2015 review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture, H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola and H.E. Ms. Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative of Australia, also addressed to the President of the Security Council, containing a request to extend the current review timeframe as identified in A/69/674 and S/2014/911.

I will consult with the President of the Security Council with a view to revert shortly with regard to this request.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



20 November 2015

Excellency,

With reference to your letter dated 9 November, 2015, allow us to express our deep gratitude for your ongoing support to the intergovernmental phase of the 2015 Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture, including the convening of the most recent open informal meeting with the UN membership, on 13 November, 2015.

The 13 November informal meeting provided a valuable opportunity for us, as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental phase of the Review, to hear detailed views from Member States on the analysis and recommendations of the Advisory Group of Experts report. It also enabled us to consult with the UN membership on our proposed timetable and programme of work for the intergovernmental phase of the process.

During the informal meeting, as well as during the 6 October open informal meeting, we received consistent, strong support for our efforts to ensure an open, inclusive and transparent intergovernmental process, which delivers a substantive and practical outcome that meaningfully strengthens the UN's peacebuilding work. Consistent with this approach, during the informal meetings many Member States specifically requested that we consider seeking an extension of the intergovernmental process, in order to allow sufficient time for broad-based consultations.

We have carefully considered these views and agree that it would benefit the intergovernmental process to seek a short extension past the current 'end of December 2015' timeframe, as set out by the Security Council and the General Assembly (A/69/674 – S/2014/911).

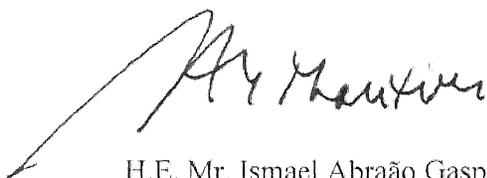
His Excellency  
Mogens Lykketoft  
President of the General Assembly  
New York

His Excellency  
Matthew Rycroft  
President of the Security Council  
New York

We therefore kindly request an extension of our mandate to conclude the intergovernmental process by the end of the first quarter of 2016 (to the end of March 2016). We anticipate that this will provide us with sufficient time to reach a comprehensive outcome to submit to you for consideration and appropriate action by the Security Council and General Assembly.

With your concurrence to the extension of our mandate, we intend to request the Secretary-General's agreement to extend the term of the Peacebuilding Architecture Review secretariat, which has provided dedicated and invaluable support to the Advisory Group of Experts, and to us in our role as co-facilitators, throughout the Review process.

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



H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins  
Permanent Representative of the  
Republic of Angola



H.E. Ms. Gillian Bird  
Permanent Representative of  
Australia