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In December 2005, the UN General Assembly passed a historic measure to establish a new body, a Peacebuilding Commission, with the aim to prevent countries emerging from conflicts from slipping back into war.

Why is there a need for the creation of this new body on peacebuilding? What is its mandate, and how does it work? Will the commission be able to make a difference in attaining lasting peace? Does the UN have adequate resources to do so? These are some of the questions raised in this World Chronicle interview with Dr. Bruce Jones, Co-Director of New York University Centre for International Cooperation and former UN Senior Advisor on UN Reform.

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