8 January, 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to forward a communication received from the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental stage of the Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture, H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins, Permanent Representative of Angola and H.E. Ms. Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative of Australia, also addressed to the President of the Security Council, on next steps with regard to the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations.

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

Mogens Lykketoft

To all Permanent Representatives
to the United Nations
New York
7 January 2016

Excellencies,

With reference to our letter dated 23 December 2015, as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental stage of the Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture, we have the pleasure to invite you to an open informal meeting of the General Assembly, at the Permanent Representative level, on 14 January 2016, at 3 pm in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear the general views and responses of delegations to the zero draft text that will form the basis for parallel General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, and as distributed to Member States during the informal meeting on 17 December.

Expert-level informal-informal consultations on the text will be subsequently convened on 15 January 2016, from 10 am – 6 pm in Conference Room 3. In this forum, it is intended that delegations will have the opportunity to provide their detailed comments and inputs. The feedback provided during both meetings will guide us in our preparation of the first and revised versions of the draft.

We intend to convene a second informal-informal session around late January, and to continue the process into February, as needed. This proposed timeline will enable us to conclude the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations during the first quarter of 2016, in line with our extended mandate.

His Excellency
Mogens Lykketoft
President of the General Assembly
New York

His Excellency
Elbio Rosselli
President of the Security Council
New York
We look forward to your active engagement in, and support to, the negotiation process.

We would be grateful if this letter could be circulated to the membership of the UN General Assembly and UN Security Council respectively.

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

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

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