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76/305. Financing for peacebuilding

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005 and General Assembly and Security Council resolutions 60/180 and 1645 (2005) of 20 December 2005, 70/262 and 2282 (2016) of 27 April 2016, 72/276 and 2413 (2018) of 26 April 2018 and 75/201 and 2558 (2020) of 21 December 2020,

Recognizing that peacebuilding is an inherently political process aimed at preventing the outbreak, escalation, recurrence or continuation of conflict, and further recognizing that peacebuilding encompasses a wide range of political, development and human rights programmes and mechanisms,

Recognizing the need for peacebuilding efforts to have adequate, predictable and sustained financing in order to effectively assist countries to build and sustain peace,

Recognizing also that financing for peacebuilding remains a critical challenge and that additional resources are required to address the existing financing gaps and meet increasing requests for peacebuilding and sustaining peace support from Member States, including conflict-affected countries and regions, and recognizing further the benefits of peacebuilding for the countries concerned,

Reaffirming the primary responsibility of national Governments and authorities in identifying, driving and directing priorities, strategies and activities for sustaining peace, and in this regard emphasizing that inclusivity is key to advancing national peacebuilding processes and objectives in order to ensure that the needs of all segments of society are taken into account,





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Reaffirming also that effective peacebuilding must involve the entire United Nations system, and recognizing that an integrated, coordinated and coherent approach within the United Nations and strategic partnerships with regional and subregional organizations are critical in supporting national efforts to build and sustain peace,

Recognizing the need to enhance financing to ensure the full, equal and meaningful participation of women and youth in peacebuilding,

Welcoming the valuable work undertaken by the Peacebuilding Fund as a catalytic, rapid-response and flexible pre-positioned pooled fund providing financing to activities to sustain peace in conflict-affected countries, and in advancing strategic alignment within the United Nations system and between the United Nations and the international financial institutions,

Welcoming also the important role of other relevant United Nations funds in contributing to peacebuilding and sustaining peace, including global and country-level multi-donor funds dedicated to peacebuilding and sustaining peace,

Recognizing the contributions of the United Nations development system to peacebuilding, and affirming the importance of financing and implementing the Sustainable Development Goals,¹ which also contributes to comprehensive peacebuilding and sustaining peace,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on peacebuilding and sustaining peace of 28 January 2022,² noting the recommendations on financing for peacebuilding presented by the Secretary-General in his reports on peacebuilding and sustaining peace in 2018, 2019 and 2020, and noting also the submission of the report of the Secretary-General on investing in prevention and peacebuilding of 1 March 2022,³

Welcoming the valuable inputs of the Peacebuilding Commission contained in the letter dated 21 April 2022 from the Chair of the Commission addressed to the President of the General Assembly,

Welcoming also the discussions and commitments made by Member States at the high-level meeting on financing for peacebuilding, held on 27 and 29 April 2022,

Recalling its decision 76/548 C of 29 June 2022,

1. Notes the progress made in financing for peacebuilding by the entire United Nations system, while recognizing that financing for peacebuilding remains a critical challenge, and affirms its commitment to consider all options for adequate, predictable and sustained financing for peacebuilding, including through voluntary, innovative and assessed funding and other means of resource mobilization, and notes the significance non-monetary contributions can play in peacebuilding efforts;

2. *Calls upon* the Peacebuilding Commission to continue to strengthen the delivery of its advisory, bridging and convening mandate in support of resource mobilization for nationally owned peacebuilding priorities in the countries and regions under its consideration, and to continue to strengthen its working methods to enhance its efficiency and impact in support of peacebuilding and sustaining peace, in synergy with the Peacebuilding Fund;

3. *Encourages* all Member States and other partners to consider increasing their contributions to peacebuilding and sustaining peace activities in conflict-

¹ See resolution 70/1.

² A/76/668-S/2022/66 and A/76/668-S/2022/66/Corr.1.

³ A/76/732.

affected countries and regions, and stresses the importance of multi-year, flexible and risk-tolerant funding commitments, including pooled funding;

4. Underlines the critical contribution of peacekeeping operations and special political missions to peacebuilding activities, where and as mandated, underscores the importance of transition finance plans established at an early stage, and stresses the importance of sufficient funding to support peacebuilding activities during transitions and throughout the life cycle of peacekeeping operations and special political missions, especially in the period immediately after their departure or reconfiguration;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to elaborate options for adequate resourcing of the peacebuilding activities of United Nations country teams, including those carried out through the Peacebuilding Fund, and the mandated peacebuilding activities of United Nations peacekeeping operations and special political missions, including during mission transitions and drawdown, for the consideration of Member States;

6. Urges efforts to fund initiatives that integrate women's full, equal and meaningful participation in the planning, implementation and reporting of peacebuilding and sustaining peace at all levels, including at the local level, welcomes the progress made by the Peacebuilding Fund in meeting and exceeding the Secretary-General's targets for investments in support of inclusive and gender-responsive peacebuilding, and encourages other United Nations and non-United Nations funding mechanisms to increase the percentage of peacebuilding funding dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;

7. Also urges efforts to address existing financing gaps for youth-led initiatives and youth organizations to ensure the full, effective and meaningful participation of youth in the design, monitoring and implementation of peacebuilding efforts at all levels, and encourages all financing stakeholders to increase coordination and collaboration with youth on financing national priorities;

8. *Recognizes* the importance of taking into account the local context in peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and stresses that civil society can play an important role in advancing efforts in peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and in this regard urges longer-term and more flexible funding mechanisms for strengthening capacities of local communities in tandem with national peacebuilding efforts;

9. *Notes* the launch of the Secretary-General's peacebuilding funding dashboard and its contribution to enhancing transparency and coordination of the utilization of funds, encourages its further development to strengthen accessibility that enhances informationsharing for the planning and coordination of financing, and calls upon the Secretary-General to finalize the dashboard to catalogue all existing instruments and funding streams supporting United Nations peacebuilding, including pooled funds within the United Nations system at the global, regional and national levels;

10. *Encourages* all relevant stakeholders in the field of financing for peacebuilding to increase their strategic and operational collaboration at the regional and country levels, including in peacebuilding, development and humanitarian efforts, with a view to promoting coordinated and context-specific approaches;

11. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to develop a strategy for resource mobilization from the private sector in support of financing for peacebuilding, and further encourages Member States and the private sector to take practical steps to strengthen partnerships in support of peacebuilding efforts;

12. *Encourages* all Member States to enhance efforts to explore and pilot innovative and flexible mechanisms to mobilize additional public and private financing for peacebuilding that can be further contextualized, implemented and scaled up in conflict-affected countries and regions, building on existing best practices;

13. *Encourages* Member States to foster cooperation, including South-South and triangular cooperation for peacebuilding, and also encourages strengthened South-South cooperation with the Peacebuilding Fund in mobilizing resources for the joint implementation of peacebuilding activities, and reaffirms that such cooperation is an important element of multilateral cooperation;

14. *Recognizes* the important role of international and regional financial institutions in peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and encourages the implementation of the strategies adopted by the African Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, as well as the relevant strategies adopted or being developed by other regional and international financial institutions focusing on operating in peacebuilding settings and conflict-affected countries and regions, including addressing drivers of conflict, and further encourages continued efforts towards strengthened partnership and strategic cooperation between the United Nations and international financial institutions at headquarters and field levels and consideration of joint initiative and analysis, where applicable, and shared priority-setting towards collective outcomes, complementarity and coordination in implementation, in line with national priorities;

15. Welcomes the funding compact, noting its voluntary nature, encourages Member States and entities of the United Nations system to contribute to its full and effective implementation, affirms the importance of voluntary contributions to the Peacebuilding Fund, and stresses the need to broaden and diversify the donor base, and in this regard encourages Member States and stakeholders to make and increase voluntary, multi-year and flexible contributions to the Fund;

16. *Reaffirms* the importance of ensuring adequate, predictable and sustained financing for peacebuilding, notes that the amount of voluntary contributions has not been sufficient to meet increasing demands for the support of the Peacebuilding Fund, and affirms that other sources of funding, including assessed contributions, could be used to finance the Fund through modalities determined by the General Assembly as a means of achieving this objective, and stresses that assessed funding is not meant to be a substitute for voluntary contributions and innovative funding;

17. *Notes* that the provision of assessed contributions to financing for peacebuilding would represent a shared commitment of Member States to peacebuilding and sustaining peace;

18. *Encourages* the Fifth Committee to continue and conclude its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on investing in prevention and peacebuilding including considerations related to increased transparency, accountability and oversight of the Peacebuilding Fund including by requesting the Secretary-General to review the terms of reference of the Fund in close consultation with Member States including ensuring a geographically representative Advisory Group of the Fund, while ensuring the continued flexibility and agility of the Fund during the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present proposals to standardize the reporting procedures of the existing financing for peacebuilding mechanisms of the United Nations in consideration of the diversity of the implementing partners;

20. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his regular reports on peacebuilding and sustaining peace an update on the implementation of the present resolution, as well as recommendations to further advance efforts to ensure adequate, predictable and sustained financing for peacebuilding.

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