

# PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION

## ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

### **Chairperson's proposal for taking forward the recommendations of the report of the Co-Facilitators on the "Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture"**

#### **Roadmap for actions in 2011**

#### **I. Overview**

1. At its meeting of 23 November 2010, the Organizational Committee convened a meeting to initiate the discussion on taking forward the relevant recommendations in the report of the Co-Facilitators on the "*Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture*" (A/64/868-S/2010/393). The discussion was organized around the framework proposed by the Chairperson. Thus, Members of the Committee were invited to reflect on four broad clusters of issues, as follows:

- a) Identify the recommendations which are already being addressed by the Commission in its various configurations
- b) Identify the recommendations which would require immediate attention by the Commission
- c) Identify the recommendations which are addressed to entities and actors other than the Commission and the appropriate channels to engage these entities
- d) Consider how the Commission would track and/or review progress and outstanding issues in the implementation of the relevant recommendations

2. During the discussion, Members underlined that progress had already been made concerning a number of recommendations emanating from the review process. These included aligning the instruments of engagement with existing national strategies; resource mobilization; focus on youth empowerment; and the synergy between the PBC and the PBF. At the same time, Members emphasized the need to focus the efforts of the Commission in the short term on key recommendations emanating from the report of the Co-facilitators.

3. For the purpose of the first reporting period (end of 2011), the following represents a suggested roadmap for action:

#### **II. Recommendations of immediate priorities**

##### **A. In the field:**

1. Consider mechanisms and approaches which could help aligning relevant actors in the field (e.g. Government, UN missions, IFIs, regional/sub-regional organizations, civil

2. Continue to adopt flexible and adaptable instruments of engagement drawing on assessments and analyses made by national stakeholders and other actors in the field;
3. Focus instruments of engagement on practical approaches to national capacity development around critical peacebuilding priorities for the countries on its agenda;
4. Consider practical approaches to the Commission's role in resource mobilization.

### **Suggested Actions for 2011:**

- **Country-configurations** to take into account and further reflect on the aforementioned priorities in the context of designing their respective work plans for 2011 and continue to develop closer linkages with relevant actors in the field.
- **Organizational Committee** to develop a work plan for 2011 which focuses on addressing the challenges in implementing PBC's mandate around the aforementioned priorities, as well as drawing on lessons learned from country-specific engagement which may be applicable in future agenda countries. The Committee would conduct its work with a view to producing advice and policy guidance to relevant peacebuilding actors, as appropriate, on how to address the identified challenges.
- **Working Group on Lessons Learned** will develop a work plan, in consultation with the Chairperson and the Chairs of Country Configurations, with a view to identifying topics for discussion that are of direct relevance to the work of the Commission in the countries on its agenda. The work plan will also include suggestions for follow-up of the Working Group's discussions.
- **PBSO** to support the efforts of the PBC in its various configurations, including by facilitating interaction with and drawing on inputs from the relevant UN system actors in the field and at Headquarters, as well as in the academia and by suggesting a communications strategy to highlight the work of the Commission in the field.

## **B. At the Headquarters**

### **1. Relationship with UN principal organs:**

- a) The Commission's work around the aforementioned four priority areas in section "A" would feed into the deliberations of UN principal organs.
- b) The scope and depth of the interaction are the prerogative of the respective principal organs. The common membership of the PBC and these organs should reflect on how best to draw on the Commission's advice.

### **Suggested Actions for 2011:**

- Members of the PBC that are members of the SC could build on improvements already made or underway for more interactive and dynamic relations with the Commission, on a case by case basis.

- Members of the PBC that are members of the GA and ECOSOC could reflect on the appropriate channels through which active engagement with the Commission would further be developed.

## **2. Support from Senior UN leadership:**

- a) The Secretary-General's enhanced political support to the work of the PBC and the promotion of an evolving UN peacebuilding agenda is crucial;
- b) The constructive engagement of and commitment from relevant senior UN leadership will be sought for advancing work on priority areas from section "A".

### **Suggested Action for 2011:**

- The Chairperson shall further engage with the Secretary-General inviting his attention to the areas of this roadmap for which the UN system support is sought.

- Heads of UN operational entities, including key Secretariat departments, would be periodically invited to brief the Commission on pre-identified topics related to priority areas in section "A", the progress in taking forward relevant recommendations in these areas, the challenges in the implementation of peacebuilding programmes in the field, impact of the Commission's engagement on the work of peacebuilding actors, and concrete suggestions for support from the Commission.

## **III. Tracking and reporting on progress**

1. A/RES/65/7 and S/RES/1947 (2010) requested the Peacebuilding Commission "to reflect in its annual reports progress made in taking forward the relevant recommendations of the report". Hence, there is a need for a light and practical mechanism to track and report on the progress.

2. In view of the fact that the responsibility to report annually to the parent organs (as per paragraph 15 of the founding resolutions) rest with the Organizational Committee, the Committee will:

- a) Provide the platform for briefings/updates by the various configurations, individual members, PBSO and other relevant actors, as deemed appropriate and necessary.
- b) Convene meetings to review the overall progress in taking forward relevant recommendations, as needed, and no less than twice in 2011. These meetings shall be opened to participation by members of all PBC configurations.

3. Ahead of and in-between meetings of the Committee dedicated to tracking the progress, the Chairs' Group will convene to review and suggest areas for focused consideration at these meetings.

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