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Excellency,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in four high-level Round Tables, organized by the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) in the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs ahead of the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Financing for Peacebuilding.

The Round Tables will take place on Monday 25 April 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber and will address some of the challenges related to financing for peacebuilding from a broad perspective. The topics will include (1) funding of local peacebuilding; (2) Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) results and resourcing; (3) peace-responsive investing through the private sector; and (4) flexibility of funding for peacebuilding, including in transition settings.

We hope these Round Tables will facilitate discussion on action-oriented outcomes for the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly (Wednesday 27 April) to address the financing gap for prevention and peacebuilding in the context of fast-changing, protracted and increasingly complex violent conflicts.

Member States have recognized that there is a “peacebuilding financing gap,” including in the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development (A/RES/69/313, 27 July 2015, para. 8). The Secretary-General has stressed that there has been too little progress since then to ensure adequate, predictable and sustained financing for peacebuilding, including in his 2020 report on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace (A/74/976-S/2020/773), Our Common Agenda (A/75/982) and the 2022 interim report on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace (A/76/668-S/2022/66).

The Round Tables will entail high-level participation and will be informal and interactive. They will each last 1.5 hours and be chaired/moderated by senior officials from the United Nations system and/or civil society. The topic of each discussion will be briefly framed by 2 or 3 speakers, followed by an open discussion for Member States and a limited number of representatives from United Nations entities and civil society representatives.

Please find enclosed the initial concept note for these four Round Tables. For queries and further information, you may contact Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman, Chief, Peacebuilding Strategy and Partnerships Branch, PBSO: brinkman@un.org.

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



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