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Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates:

The Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and FUNGLODE have the honour to address the Peacebuilding Commission, PBC Secretariat on the preparations for the Summit of the Future in 2024.

We commend the PBC on its call for a common understanding of the need to join efforts for a 2025 Peacebuilding Architecture Review¹, as is clearly stated in Goal 16. We strongly believe that Member States can find common cause in ‘boosting preventive diplomacy in an era of divisions.’²

It is within this context that we reiterate our support to the New Agenda for Peace, based on the five pillars already set in motion by Secretary-General Guterres, which are leading the way forward on what needs to be done for a peaceful world.

Our Foundation would like to call the attention of this forum to what is happening in Haiti and the urgent need that the United Nations assists this nation -as it does with others torn by violence and political instability- to build a future of peace and development for the future of all of its citizens.

Nowadays, we are witnessing how new technologies is continuously shaping our societies, especially with the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Its impact spans from the way we learn and teach to the way we entertain. Of course, warfare is not an exception to such a phenomenon. Hence, Member States, through the multilateral system, should launch a discussion on the global ethical use of AI in all human activities.

AI should be used to propel us to work in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality." Hence, it is fundamental we all work together on legal framework convention for the regulation of AI.

As organisations with Consultative Status with ECOSOC, GFDD & FUNGLODE continuously striving to contribute and actively engage in the relevant work of the UN within the above framework, especially SDG Goal 4. The PBC can generate a renewed commitment to multilateralism by using ITCs

¹ 2020 Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture. <https://www.un.org/peacebuilding/content/2020-review-un-peacebuilding-architecture>

² A New Agenda for Peace. Available at <https://dppa.un.org/en/a-new-agenda-for-peace#:~:text=A%20New%20Agenda%20for%20Peace%20is%20framed%20around%20the%20core.action%2C%20in%20five%20priority%20areas>. Retrieved on September 20, 2023.



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to socialise their work among key stakeholders. This will help to promote a peace culture through education throughout the world.

We can only address the spread of violence, equality challenges, the effects of the climate change, as well as religious based violence, through an effective and quality education. Especially among young people who are our future generation of world leaders and decision makers.

Thank you!