

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to welcome the relevance of this initiative under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General, His Excellency Mr. António Guterres, and praised by the other distinguished personalities who co-chair this High-Level Conference on the Replenishment of the Peace-Building Fund.

Guinea-Bissau thanks and encourages, once again, the technical and financial assistance of the international community in general and of the United Nations in particular in pursuing its strategy of building and consolidating peace, guaranteeing the security of its national interests and the stabilization of political and institutional life in a solid and sustainable way.

In this perspective, the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau considers the preservation of these values to be a key condition of viability and credibility of the process of economic and socio-cultural development based on both endogenous and exogenous factors within the framework of concerted and coordinated cooperation actions with its bilateral and multilateral partners.

To this end, political governance attaches a crucial importance to actions considered priorities in terms of cooperation with the United Nations on the peace-building agenda, taking into account the objective requirements relating to Guinea-Bissau's internal situation and the imperative need to compliance with its international obligations, that is, it is important to promote a strong intervention in the following axes:

1. Constitutional reform and strengthening the institutional framework for political governance and conflict resolution;
2. Security Sector and Justice Reform based on the Vision and Strategy developed by the Government of Guinea-Bissau;
3. Promoting and protecting human rights and strengthening the cooperation between the Government and the human rights institutions;
4. Supporting the Government Post-COVID Recovery Program using community network, women and youth organizations as partners for peace and inclusive development;
5. Promoting socioeconomic activities targetting the most vulnerables and generating employment opportunities and income to promote peace and social inclusion.

These constitute essentially, from a global point of view, the needed actions that the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau considers to be the most priority within the framework of the new programming of the United Nations intervention in Guinea-Bissau based on the resources of the Peacebuilding Fund.

Thank you!