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Excellencies,

I have the honor to refer to your letter dated 31 October 2019, in which you launched the 2020 review of the peacebuilding architecture and assessed that the review should be based on the Terms of Reference suggested by the Peacebuilding Commission.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the Peacebuilding Commission has since November 2019 convened meetings with all Member States, relevant parts of the United Nations system and civil society representatives to discuss themes relevant to the review. Member States and UN entities have convened several thematic and regional consultations, and the Secretary-General named a small group of Independent Eminent Persons to reflect on the implementation of the 2016 resolutions on the peacebuilding architecture.

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, Member States and civil society organizers took the step to change the format of many of the remaining consultations to maintain the integrity of the review process. Accordingly, the Commission agreed to convene virtual consultations, posting briefings and remarks from Member States on its website. Several thematic and regional consultations are also taking place on virtual platforms. There are however a number of consultations that have been postponed or curtailed, and would benefit from additional time in order to contribute to the informal phase of the review.

I wish to suggest, on behalf of the Members of the Peacebuilding Commission, that the informal phase of the review process be extended until the end of August 2020, instead of June 2020 as indicated in the Terms of Reference. It is the view of the Commission that this small extension of time will strengthen the substantive contributions to the review, and preserve an inclusive approach, thereby maintaining the integrity of the process.

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



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