

Peacebuilding Commission Press Statement on the Launch of the 2020 Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture

The Peacebuilding Commission, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Guillermo Fernández de Soto, convened on 22 November 2019 its first meeting open to all United Nations Member States to launch the 2020 review of the peacebuilding architecture, together with the Secretary-General, the President of the Security Council and the Vice-President of the General Assembly.

Member States stressed that the review was an important opportunity to take stock of the work of the United Nations in implementing the 2016 resolutions on the review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture (A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282 (2016)). They welcomed the consultative and forward-looking focus of the latest review process and suggested that it should consider ways of further strengthening the peacebuilding work of the United Nations based on field-driven analysis and nationally owned initiatives.

Member States underscored the need for the review to be forward looking, aiming at further improving the work of the UN on peacebuilding, with appropriate emphasis on implementation at the field level as well as on the need to continue strengthening the UN Peacebuilding Architecture, taking into account the context of the ongoing reforms of the United Nations, including with the aim to create greater coherence and cross-pillar coordination.

Furthermore, Member States noted that the Peacebuilding Commission provides a platform to encourage and support closer collaboration and synergies between the United Nations and regional and sub-regional organisations, civil society organizations, as well as International Financial Institutions. They welcomed progress in the Commission's advisory role to the General Assembly and the Security Council and called for the continued improvement of that role.

Member States noted with great concern that the Peacebuilding Fund had to postpone some urgent investments, including in support of meaningful participation of women and youth in peacebuilding processes, due to critical shortages in contributions. They underscored the need for predictable and sustainable funding for peacebuilding and echoed the Secretary-General's call for increased contributions to the Peacebuilding Fund.