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To:  
PBC Secretariat  
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**Written input related to the issues to be discussed at the Ministerial-level meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission, as encouraged by the Chair of the Commission (Croatia).**

Dear Staff of the PBC Secretariat,

With this communication Rondine Cittadella della Pace, organization in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, is responding to the encouragement to submit written inputs by the Chair of the Commission, following the provided guiding questions, related to the issues to be discussed at the next Ministerial-level meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission.

Please, find our written input below and attached (in open format) to this email communication, to ease the transcription on the PBC website.

With our best regards,

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Written input:

The Secretary-General's New Agenda for Peace should represent a starting point for Member States towards the construction of a new international environment, characterized by de-militarization of the public sphere and active prevention of armed conflicts both between and inside Member States, in full respect of international law and in line with the concept of "Human-Centered Disarmament" as outlined by the Secretary-General himself. Common ground in this direction should and must be built around the issues of hunger, health, gender equality, education, and the right to live in a healthy environment, all directly affected by armed conflict in whatever way it may occur. In short, there is a strong need to link in a stronger way the issues of peace, de-militarization, and the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, on which a majority of countries (including many of those in possess of all financial, industrial, technological capacity to achieve their goals) are falling dramatically short.

Modeling all diplomatic, political, negotiation approaches around the concept of "Human-Centered Disarmament" - intending it also as a social, cultural, relationship-based peacebuilding paradigm - could indeed lead to unexpected negotiation settings and outcomes by insisting, investing energies and goodwill in all possible crevices that could be glimpsed in the hard rock of everyday realism.

In this sense, the role of young people is key, pivotal and cannot be considered as a collateral topic. It is proven that a meaningful participation of youth, especially of those coming from conflict or post-conflict areas, in political and multilateral processes can lead to the appeasing of tensions, especially when based on a person-to-person, trust building approach between representatives of communities in conflict.

Towards the Peacebuilding Architecture Review, we feel the urge to underline the importance of this people-to-people approach based on prevention, dialogue, trust building and reconciliation projects with and by young citizens, provided the decades long experience of our organization in observing the positive effects this kind of approach brings into sustaining peace and conflict prevention at all levels.

The Peacebuilding Commission should, in our view, promote this kind of vision, based - again - on the Secretary-General's concept of "Human-Centered Disarmament" intended in a broader way, well beyond the physical elimination of existing weapons and the non-proliferation of new arsenals and cyber-based deadly technologies, aiming at promoting

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and showcasing examples of dialogue, reconciliation, reparative processes, linking the high-level work of diplomats and UN bodies with grassroots work through which local communities and civil society groups can feel comfortable and empowered enough to reach peaceful and longstanding agreements.

In this sense, a new and enlarged “multilateralism of peoples” should serve as the landing point of current multilateral arrangements, with young inhabitants of affected areas as key stakeholders and signalers to be included in peace processes since the earliest stages of their development.

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