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Virtual Informal EU Consultations for the 2020 UN Peacebuilding Architecture Review

27 April 2020

On 22 November 2019, a comprehensive review of the UN peacebuilding architecture (PBA) was launched in accordance with Terms of Reference agreed by the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) and endorsed by the UN Security Council and General Assembly (per the twin-Resolutions A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282 (2016)). As part of the first informal consultation phase, the EEAS and the European Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, in cooperation with the EUISS are gathering some of the EU's main peacebuilding partners and stakeholders and engaged EU Member States for a half-day virtual exchange on current opportunities and challenges for UN peacebuilding efforts and recommendations for how to address them. Particular focus will be put on the field perspective including views of civil society actors, on the EU Integrated Approach and the interlinkages across the three pillars of the United Nations – peace and security, human rights and sustainable development. Participants will also be encouraged to consider the wide-ranging humanitarian, social and economic consequences and human rights impact (and potential opportunities) of the Covid-19 pandemic for peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and the UN peacebuilding architecture.

Because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting will be virtual and therefore, shorter and in a smaller format than initially foreseen.

OPENING	
13.40-14.00	Registration – Dialling in
14.00-14.40	<p><u>Overview of the 2020 UN PBA Review thus far</u> <i>Short interventions (5 minutes) updating the group on the overall process, recent consultations organised for the UN Peacebuilding Architecture Review and/or recalling key relevant messages.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Gustav Lindström, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, United Nations○ Stefano Tomat, Director, Integrated Approach for Security and Peace Directorate, European External Action Service

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hilde Hardeman, Director and Head of Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission ○ Rüdiger König, Director-General for Crisis Prevention, Stabilisation, Peacebuilding and Humanitarian Assistance, German Federal Foreign Office ○ Carl Skau, Head of Department for Conflict and Humanitarian Affairs, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Dr Jago Salmon, Programme Manager, SIPRI ○ Dr Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform
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PANEL DISCUSSIONS

14.40-15.25	<p><u>Conflict prevention</u></p> <p><i>Both the EU and UN have made conflict prevention a strategic goal. The UN peacebuilding architecture review presents an opportunity to identify further entry points for institutionalising conflict prevention throughout policy, tools and operational engagements.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What are some of the opportunities for, and challenges to, taking preventive action in mission and non-mission settings? What are the avenues for strengthening early preventive action?</i> - <i>How can we strengthen the preventive toolbox to help operationalise prevention? What roles can preventive diplomacy, mediation and dialogue play?</i> - <i>What good practices and lessons learned can we draw upon from the field?</i> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Rene Van Nes, Head of Division, Conflict Prevention, Integrated Approach for Security and Peace Directorate, European External Action Service</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Member of the Independent Eminent Persons of the 2020 Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture ○ Ambassador Patricia Llombart Cussac, Head of EU Delegation, Colombia ○ Dr Katia Papagianni, Director, Mediation Support and Policy, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue ○ Dr Kwesi Sansculotte-Greenidge, Peace and Development Advisor, UN Resident Coordinator’s Office, Ethiopia
15.25-16.10	<p><u>Human Rights</u></p> <p><i>The 2016 Twins Resolutions on the review of the UN PBA recognised that development, peace and security, and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing. The need for integrated and coherent approaches among relevant political, security and developmental actors was emphasised, both within and outside of the UN system, and consistent with their respective mandates for improving respect for human rights. The Review also encouraged UN Member States participating in the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council to consider the human rights dimensions of peacebuilding. Since then, what progress have we seen in this regard at the intergovernmental and operational level, and what impact has that had (or not) in the field (and for UN policy approaches)?</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What does it mean to integrate human rights, including gender sensitivity and equality, in peacebuilding and sustaining peace; main challenges and successful strategies?</i> - <i>To what extent do human rights and gender figure in the UN PBA – at the decision-making level and in the field; could the UN PBA do more to increase the focus on human rights and gender equality?</i> - <i>How do the UNSG’s Human Rights Up Front initiative, the UN Secretary-General’s Call to Action for Human Rights, and reformed UN structures deliver in conjunction with key national and regional partners?</i> - <i>How can human rights monitoring as well as human rights information and analysis more generally better link up with and support conflict prevention?</i> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Nadia Costantini, Deputy Head of Division, Human Rights, Human Rights, Global and Multilateral Issues Managing Directorate, EEAS</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rosa Otunbayeva, Member of the Independent Eminent Persons of the 2020 Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture (TBC) ○ James Turpin, Chief, Prevention and Sustaining Peace Section, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York ○ Ozonnia Ojielo, UN Resident Coordinator and Representative of the UN Secretary-General in the Kyrgyz Republic ○ Juan Antonio Frutos Goldaratz, Deputy Head of Delegation, EU Delegation to Liberia
<p>16.10-16.55</p>	<p><u>Agenda 2030 – ‘leaving no-one behind’</u></p> <p><i>The 2015 Review of the UN PBA recommended regular monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals with particular focus on Goal 16. Indeed, Agenda 2030 and its focus on ‘leaving no-one behind’ are often seen as presenting “the best defence against the risk of violent conflict”. Leaving no-one behind with a preventive lens, suggests decision-makers should pay increased attention to constituencies that may face political, social or economic exclusion and help ensure their needs are addressed in actions across the humanitarian, peace and development spheres.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>How can the UN PBA help ensure inclusion across humanitarian, peace and development spheres in the ‘Decade of Action’ to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals?</i> ○ <i>What progress can be noted – what challenges remain and what opportunities are there in the field to work across peace, security, human rights and development pillars and donor constituencies in an integrated manner?</i> ○ <i>What role should the UN PBA, including the Peacebuilding Commission, play in the global response to pandemics such as Covid-19, including from a conflict prevention perspective?</i> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Marc Fiedrich, Head of Unit, Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission</p>

	<p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ambassador Annika Söder, Member of the Independent Eminent Persons of the 2020 Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture ○ Hilde F. Johnson, European Institute of Peace, Brussels (former UN SRSG and Head of UNMISS) ○ Sonya Reine Djivanides, Executive Director, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) ○ Dr Katariina Mustasilta, Senior Associate Analyst, European Union Institute for Security Studies
16.55-17.15	<p><u>Wrap-up and closing remarks: Main outcomes and next steps</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Gustav Lindström, Director, EUISS</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ellis Mathews, Head of Division, Multilateral Relations, Human Rights, Global and Multilateral Issues Managing Directorate, EEAS

Outcomes

1. As set out by the ToRs for the review process, the outcomes will be captured in a **short non-paper that will be submitted to the UNSG and his review team**, as the EU contribution to the review process.
2. These outcomes will feed into the EU's proposed **common messages** that will be drafted **for discussion and subsequent agreement in CONUN** (in association with relevant Working Parties), for use by the EU and its Member States as they see fit.

Ground-rules/Steering Note for a smooth VTC

1. Please **use a headset with microphone/earpiece** for better audio quality for all participants.
2. If not necessary and if you are not the actual speaker - **please switch off your microphone and your camera** when only listening and not speaking.
3. If you have questions or would like to make a comment in response to the questions outlined on the programme, please use the chat function to ask for the 'floor', either posting your questions or letting the moderator know that you would like to make a small intervention.
4. Since time is limited, speakers named on the agenda have been allocated 4-5 minutes and we **kindly ask the audience to limit intervention to 3 minutes** focused around the topics and questioned outlined on the agenda. If time permits, the same person can take the floor more than once.
5. For those who were not able to comment (or who feel that they have additional comments to make), **written comments can be shared up to 24 hours after the meeting end** (to Jibecke.joensson@eeas.europa.eu).

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