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**“Institution building and system-wide engagement for peacebuilding and sustaining
peace”**
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Dear Mister President, dear Briefers, dear Excellencies,

I first wish to thank you for organizing this very timely electronic consultation. I also want to thank the briefers for their insightful and valuable remarks.

France is deeply convinced that accountable, inclusive and responsive institutions are key for building and sustaining peace, as well as achieving the 17 SDGs by 2030. Building “effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels” is at the heart of SDG 16 which itself is an enabler for achieving other SDGs, as all aspects of Agenda 2030 are deeply interconnected. Inclusivity and accountability in public institutions are important instruments to prevent conflicts and to consolidate peace. Institutions building and good governance are one of the key pillars of the French development assistance, especially in conflict-prevention context or post-conflict areas. Strengthening state capacities to deliver quality public services to all (in particular health, education and justice), and to ensure a more equitable distribution of resources, including by reducing territorial inequalities, reducing corruption and improving tax systems, is crucial.

The peacebuilding architecture has an important role to play to push the whole UN system to continue supporting sustaining peace by strengthening national and local institutions as well as public services. We comment the valuable role played by the PBF and by the Resident Coordinators in promoting and encouraging an integrated and coherent approach among the UN-system. Coordination and coherence also with the IFIs (in particular the World Bank’s strategy for addressing fragility, conflict and violence 2020-2025) and the regional development institutions, as well as with bilateral donors, are critical to support institution building.

The peacebuilding commission should also enhance its role as a platform to develop and share good practices and lessons learned in that regards. The current electronic consultation, with so many valuable reports from the ground, is very useful in that regard.

Institutions-building is a long term process, which requires continued attention and consistent support from the partners over time, but also a strong national and local ownership. Women, youth and civil societies have a major role to play to foster inclusivity and participation. It is the better way to build resilient and inclusive societies, more likely to avoid violence.

I would like also to insist on key institutions to support, especially in conflict-related contexts: justice, rule of law, security forces, electoral institutions, but, also, health and education. As

the IPI's briefers said, in fragile States, crisis management capacity must be enhanced to achieve successful transition, sustainable peace and development.

Lastly, the current Covid-19 outbreak shows the importance of achieving universal health coverage to fight this pandemic and prevent devastating effects of future pandemics. The global outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the world in unprecedented ways, this is why we should seek to consolidate support for the healthcare systems in the most vulnerable countries, which is the first step to achieving UHC. Appropriate financing is a condition for success. Fragile countries must get sufficient support to address their challenges./.