



Statement by Indonesia

Ambassadorial-Level Consultation of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) on 2020 Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (PBA)

“Institution Building and System-Wide Engagement for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace”

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Indonesia appreciates Canada, as the Chair of PBC for hosting this important virtual consultation on the 2020 Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture. We thank all briefers for their valuable presentations.

Indonesia believes that both institution building and system-wide engagement are key elements of peacebuilding and sustaining peace. Institution building, which by its nature is a long-term undertaking, necessitates sustained focus from the government along with adequate support from the international community. Furthermore, institutional foundations cannot be deepened unless reinforced by an effective system-wide engagement at the national and international levels.

These are complex challenges for any country. For those affected by conflicts, these are magnified. They have to develop and govern measures in all peace and security, development and human rights spheres, often operating within constrained policy and financial choices.

Indonesia is, therefore, pleased that these two crucial elements are getting high attention in the PBA Review 2020. We commend the PBC and hope that it will continue to direct its consultations on such critical issues. My delegation expects that in the end, there will be concrete and practical ways laid out in the 2020 Review with which the PBA can more effectively assist the countries requiring support.

In this context, Indonesia underlines following:

First, being that national ownership is paramount, the UN system and partners should formulate support, based on the needs identified by the national government. Equally vital is that all national stakeholders are consulted meaningfully in determining the needs. The more the different segments, including women, youth, and others are

involved, the stronger the ownership of society as a whole will be in the peacebuilding path.

Second, the role of regional and sub-regional organizations. Because of their unique historic bonds and insights, they often know what works. Notwithstanding increased PBC-regional entities' interaction over the years, there is room in reaping peacebuilding advantages through a stronger partnership between the PBC and regional organizations.

While the UN and other partners can gain much in this engagement, their capacity support to regional mechanisms is also very important, which many times are first responders in field and continue long after other agencies leave.

We also support the PBC in convening more best-practice exchanges with multiple partners to enhance the knowledge and capabilities of both receivers and providers.

Third, system-wide engagement has become all the more pressing with the crisis of COVID-19 pandemic and its multi-dimensional consequences, not least the massive economic disruption. The achievement of SDGs is threatened, and 40 to 60 million of people globally are projected to fall into extreme poverty in 2020 alone¹. Just when the conflict-affected countries needed to bolster their health and essential sectors, they face greater challenges.

The PBC mandate of “marshaling of resources” along with its convening, facilitation, advisory and coherence roles vis-à-vis other UN organs and relevant institutions outside the UN are profound. The Commission should develop plans in the context of system-wide engagement for possible support measures for conflict-affected countries, and take them forward systemically through the 2020 Review.

To conclude, Indonesia reiterates its commitment in participating constructively in the PBA review process. Bilaterally and through the framework of South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation, Indonesia will also be relentless in furthering its ongoing support and capacity building programs in Palestine, Afghanistan and countries in Asia Pacific, Africa and others regions.

Thank you.

¹ <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/overview>