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Excellency,

Four years ago the General Assembly and the Security Council formally concluded the second review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture, with resolutions A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282 (2016), respectively. The General Assembly and Security Council called for a comprehensive review of United Nations peacebuilding to be conducted at the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly.

In implementation of those resolutions, we decided that the 2020 review of the peacebuilding architecture should be based on the Terms of Reference prepared by the Peacebuilding Commission through an extensive and inclusive intergovernmental process, which we relayed in a joint letter dated 31 October 2019. Through that letter, and in accordance with the Terms of Reference, we launched the review process, composed of an informal phase, followed by a formal phase to be conducted by co-facilitators. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, and upon advice of the Peacebuilding Commission, the formal phase of the review will begin on 1 September 2020, rather than 1 July 2020 as indicated in the Terms of Reference.

We now have the honour to inform you that we have decided to appoint H.E. Mr. Craig John Hawke, Permanent Representative of New Zealand, and H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, to co-facilitate the intergovernmental consultations during the formal phase of the review process. Drawing upon the comprehensive report by the Secretary-General mandated by resolutions A/RES/72/276 and S/RES/2413 (2018), the main findings of the PBC meetings transmitted by the PBC Chair, the recommendations of the Independent Eminent Persons and the outcome of thematic and regional consultations, the intergovernmental consultations shall generate agreed recommendations for consideration and final decision by the General Assembly and the Security Council. We trust that you will extend to the co-facilitators your full cooperation and support.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Tijjani Mohammad-Bande  
President of the General Assembly

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