



**Statement of the Delegation of Mexico at the Electronic Consultation of
The 2020 Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture
“Institution Building and System-Wide Engagement for
Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace”**

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Mr. President,

This consultation occurs in a moment in which the international system is facing unforeseen circumstances. The COVID-19 pandemic is exacerbating the need from governments and stakeholders, especially those affected by conflict, to build institutional capacities for steering both immediate response and future recovery pathways to build peaceful, inclusive and resilient societies.

Sustaining peace means to place the human being at the center of the collective action of the Organization for the promotion of peace, security and development, the fight against poverty and inequality, and access to justice and health institutions. It also implies a human center approach to the efficiency of the Peace *continuum*. It is, therefore, essential that we do our best to improve the UN peacebuilding architecture's effectiveness and strength.

Peacebuilding means much more than the absence of war. It involves multilateral approaches to achieve sustainable development. It becomes a concept that represents a paradigm shift in the UN's work, as it moves from a conflict management approach to one of prevention of the same. Therefore, the application of this concept would mean a more coherent interaction between the development, human rights, and peace and security pillars, to prevent the escalation of crises and their eventual transformation into violent or armed conflicts, as well as to prevent relapses and foster resilience.

The adoption in 2016 of the twin resolutions (A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282 (2016) of the General Assembly and the Security Council, as well as their follow up in 2018, showed that an integrated and coherent approach among relevant political, security, developmental and human rights stakeholders, within and outside of the UN system, is critical to peacebuilding and sustaining peace and essential for building institutions.

Consequently, the review of the Peacebuilding architecture, should aim at significantly increase the role of the Commission in the architecture of the UN Peacebuilding. The PBC must have an advisory role, not only to the Security Council but also with this Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and the UN funds, agencies, and programs, consistent with their respective

mandates, as well as with international, regional and local partners. It is only in that manner that the UN System will manage to strengthen synergies, support the national efforts to ensure a better impact on the ground, building, and sustaining peace.

Mr. President,

We welcome the PBC's decisive actions to incorporate an inclusive approach and discussion of the strengthening of the UN system-wide engagement in a coordinated and coherent effort to strengthen national and local institutions as a core peacebuilding area for building and sustaining peace. Also, the PBC should bring to the UN intergovernmental body's attention the views of all of the relevant actors at the national, regional, and international levels, including donors, programs, and the agencies of the United Nations system.

We reaffirm that practical, accountable, inclusive, and responsive institutions are a potential element in national and international efforts to identify national and local priorities for building and sustaining peace and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a responsive and inclusive approach to development and peacebuilding.

In the same context, the Commission's interaction with entities for the consolidation and sustainability of peace, including youth and women's organizations, gives it a unique position to formulate diverse, long-term and realistic recommendations, well-integrated in each community, on issues related to peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

Mr. President,

In this critical global context, Mexico reaffirms the relevance of a more inclusive and integrated approach to sustaining peace and enhancing the three pillars of the UN system to work together in a unified and coherent way to prevent conflict and address the root causes of conflict and peacebuilding challenges.

We believe in the importance of enhancing and making the UN peace operations mandates more specific and efficient to contribute to the strengthening of the rule of law in countries affected by conflicts or in the immediate aftermath when they are emerging from them.

In that sense, peacebuilding activities in a post-conflict society must be integrated, coordinated and based on a comprehensive approach to the establishment of good governance, the rule of law and promotion of human rights, institution-building, security sector reform, economic reconstruction, and development.

Mexico is committed to the full implementation of the agreed measures so that the UN Peacebuilding architecture works collaboratively, not in isolation from the UN pillars of peace and security, development and human rights. Breaking the silos should be one of the most important goals for the achievement of coherence in a whole-system approach to peacebuilding and sustaining peace, but more importantly, should be the expression of lessons learnt during the pandemic juncture.

Finally, we reaffirm that peacebuilding and sustaining peace are long-term processes. These processes must be addressed through empowering people, including women and youth from

diverse backgrounds, rural areas, indigenous communities, and other marginalized groups, to help strengthen national and local institutions to deliver universal access to services and promote national reconciliation based on the respect of human rights.

The Review of Architecture for Peacebuilding, the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations and the 20th anniversary of the Women's Peace and Security Agenda, all serve as an opportunity to reflect on attaining a peace that is, as the President of the 72UNGA, Miroslav Lajčák, once said: "measured not in months or years, but for generations."

Thank you.