

Views of the Kingdom of Morocco on the

Electronic consultation on the 2020 review **“Financing and Partnerships for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace”**

As we started the Decade of action for sustainable development with challenging circumstances imposed by the COVID-19 on the economic and social levels, it is more than ever necessary to mobilize adequate resources not only for the fight against the pandemic but also to protect the development and peacebuilding gains achieved thus far.

This task is more complicated in fragile areas and in the most vulnerable countries where there is a need to face the existing challenges to development, ensuring a swift response for COVID-19 and preserving the conditions for sustaining peace.

Financing and mobilizing financial resources have always been the key element and the basis for making the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) a reality. Achieving development is in itself a cornerstone for sustaining peace. **Therefore, we believe that ensuring predictable, durable and adequate financing to assist countries to build and sustain peace is more than crucial, especially, in the POST-COVID ERA.**

The diversification of financial resources is indeed paramount, but ensuring the predictability and durability of these resources is crucial and needed today, more than ever, to ensure that ongoing national peacebuilding processes successfully reach their goal of sustained peace.

A stronger and more coordinated partnership between the United Nations, national Governments as well as with other major relevant actors, including international, regional and sub-regional bodies, international financial institutions, civil society, are essential to unlock the full potential of what can be achieved and

My delegation believes in the power of Partnerships in ensuring effective financing for peacebuilding and, in the need to leverage all ways of international cooperation, - North-south, South-South and Triangular Cooperation -, so as to come up with adequate and required financial responses.

A key element to be taken into consideration while exploring all these channels, is Coordination.

A coordinated approach is needed for better efficiency at the UN level and also the action taken by the multi-stakeholders. A devoted and keen attention to the specific needs of the concerned countries is also crucial.

The Funding Compact, which is a milestone component of the UNDS reform, includes dedicated targets relating to the Joint SDG Fund and the Peacebuilding Fund. In this regards, it is very important to highlight the finding of the recent call, in the Report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the GA resolution 71/243, to step up in support of these critical complementary funding tools that are key in producing results on the ground while fostering UN coherence and collaboration.

Successful Partnerships can act as real sustaining peace measures, particularly as they help addressing critical gaps and prevent jeopardizing important and hard-earned peacebuilding gains.

We, therefore, value the specific added value of fulfilling the commitment from both parts, Member States and the United Nations System, while we are all working in this collective dynamic to build and sustain peace.

At the heart of the arena of financing & partnership efforts for peacebuilding and sustaining Peace is our Commission. The 2016 “farsighted” twin-Resolutions adopted by the GA and the SC have fortunately given room for the PBC to diversify its working methods to enhance its efficiency and flexibility, so as to be increasingly engaged in regional and cross-cutting issues relevant to peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

These Resolutions also provided for a more coherent and coordinated support to regional peacebuilding priorities as well as a greater Partnership between the UN and the Regional and sub-regional organizations, which has proven to be critical in the current global crisis.

Morocco therefore commends the role the PBC has stepped up to play, over the last months, in trying to shed light on the consequences of the pandemic in several parts of the world. Indeed, despite the very well-known challenges related to the global crisis, members of the PBC and of the International Community have, today, historic opportunities to come up with new avenues of cooperation for effective partnerships and ideas to stimulate predictable, durable and adequate financing and to help preserve ongoing peacebuilding and sustaining processes.

Thus, and thanks to the important reform agenda engaged early on by the UN Secretary General, the PBC has been able to fully invest the role it was meant to fulfill within the UN system.

Discussions on peacebuilding needs and lessons learned in several countries in- and outside the purview of its agenda, have also allowed the PBC to fine-tune what is required in terms of financing and partnerships for peacebuilding and sustaining peace, including by pooling on best practices and lessons learnt.

The PBC is therefore called to continue carrying out its three core functions of advocacy, accompaniment and sustaining attention; resource mobilization and partnerships; including through its country-specific configurations and its broader policy advisory role. Morocco will continue to stand ready to advance these shared goals and commitment and commends the focus put on the important tools that are “financing and partnerships” to build and sustain peace in the context of the 2020 Review as well as the covid-19 related crisis.
