

## **Electronic consultation on the 2020 review: Institution building and system-wide engagement for peacebuilding and sustaining peace**

### **NL Statement**

#### *UN Reform agenda*

- Very much subscribe to the importance of a system wide approach by the UN and international actors when engaging in local and national institution building.
- This means the UN reform agenda, incl. cross pillar cooperation, joint programming, partnerships, the human rights approach and flexible financing of peacebuilding, is key to effective UN peacebuilding.

#### *MHPSS*

- For avoiding the cycle of conflict and countering social disintegration in fragile societies, it is key that we integrate mental health and psycho socio support (MHPSS) in peace building from the outset.
- Local and national government institutions play a central role in this. Such as institutions working on health, grievance management, transitional justice, dialogue and reconciliation.
- From the 2 consultations we have organized for the PBA Review on the integration of MHPSS in peacebuilding, one with experts and one with UN Member State representatives, it became clear that many participants would like to see enhanced inclusion of MHPSS in peacebuilding efforts.
- There are definitely best practices (incl by the PBF), often pertaining to transitional justice but also in the fields of DDR and rebuilding livelihoods.
- However, MHPSS needs to be structurally and explicitly taken into account, in peacebuilding analyses, programming, monitoring, evaluation and learning.
- The Netherlands looks forward to continue its contribute to bring this issue further in the 2020 PBA Review, and to work together with many of you.