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### **2020 Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture Ambassadorial-level Meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission “Institution Building and System-Wide Engagement for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace.” 2 June 2020 Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea**

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The Republic of Korea thanks the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) and the PBSO for organizing the virtual thematic consultation of this important issue, “Institution Building and System-Wide Engagement for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace.” Our delegation also takes this opportunity to offer its deep appreciation to the briefers for their enlightening briefings.

Institution building and system-wide engagement for peacebuilding lies at the heart of the Republic of Korea's development history. With our unique experience of successful post-war development and transition from an aid recipient into an aid donor nation in a relatively short period, Korea is a living testimony of how institution-building and system-wide engagement for peacebuilding affect a nation's trajectory. In this context, we believe that institution building is the backbone of sustaining peace. Indeed, while we respond to the global COVID-19 crisis, effective but not suppressive governance alongside coordinated action of UN agencies and partners are direly needed to tackle the common challenges ahead of us.

Under this backdrop, my delegation would like to emphasize the following three points with a view towards enhancing institution building and system-wide engagement for peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

First, the Republic of Korea would like to commend PBC's leadership and its good practice of respecting and centering national ownership. The consultation process of the PBC incentivizes institution building by fully engaging recipient countries in discussion and interconnecting all of the relevant partners. My delegation supports the PBC in continuing to engage recipient countries in peacebuilding consultations and maintain these good practices.

Second, the UN Resident Coordinator's offices (RCO) and the UN Country Teams (UNCT) need to coordinate with both recipient countries in transition and other stakeholders to enhance institution building. To this end, it will be crucial to ensure that the RCOs and the UNCT are adequately equipped with the capacities to assist governments in their transition process. With the host governments' consent, RCOs should have a clear mandate to work across the humanitarian-development-peacebuilding nexus. In tandem with this, the PBC must work more strategically with the empowered resident coordinators. The RCOs play a pivotal role in a system-wide engagement while coordinating the works of relevant UN actors. Bearing in mind that RCOs are funded by Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) and the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA) Multi-Year Appeal (MYA), replenishment of these voluntary funds will be critical to ensure the necessary support for the RCO system. The Government of the Republic of Korea will stay committed to contributing to these funds as a responsible stakeholder, trusting that the PBF and MYA will serve as crucial engines for sustaining peace.

Third, we would like to share our bilateral ODA experience from the institution building perspective. When implementing bilateral ODA projects, the Republic of Korea strives to foster local and national capacities for sustaining peace by addressing not only physical conflict but also structural violence and vulnerabilities, including inequality, social exclusion, and weak governance. We believe that we can create peaceful, just, and inclusive societies by overcoming these underlying problems. In this context, we launched Korea's Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP) in 2004 to meet the rising demand for sharing the Korean development model's policy implications and contributing to sustainable prosperity abroad. Korea has since served as a leading source of knowledge sharing by conducting the KSP with over 76 countries and has promoted the concept of knowledge-based cooperation. Throughout our bilateral ODA principles, 'Governance' remains one of our priority areas, and we provide key assistance to strengthen the administrative capacity of recipient countries.

In conclusion, the Republic of Korea would like to renew our commitment to actively participating in the PBC consultation throughout the country-specific, regional, and thematic discussions, while highlighting the PBC's essential role in enhancing institution building and system-wide engagement for peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

Thank you. /END/