



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

31 October 2019

Excellency,

In resolutions A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282 (2016), the General Assembly and the Security Council called for a “comprehensive review of United Nations peacebuilding” to be conducted during the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly.

The proposed scope, Terms of Reference and modalities for the 2020 review, prepared by the Peacebuilding Commission through an extensive and inclusive intergovernmental process, were circulated to all Member States on 7 October 2019.

In view of the above, it is our assessment that the 2020 review of the peacebuilding architecture should be based on the Terms of Reference and with the present letter we wish to launch the review process.

The informal phase of the review process should start during the fourth quarter of 2019 up to the end of the second quarter of 2020. We will appoint two co-facilitators to conduct the second phase of the review by convening intergovernmental consultations which will conclude with an outcome document submitted to the General Assembly and the Security Council for consideration and appropriate action.

This letter is also being issued as an official document.

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

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