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Excellency,

Four years ago, the General Assembly and the Security Council formally concluded the second review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture, through resolutions A/RES/70/262 and S/RES/2282 (2016), respectively, and called for a comprehensive review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture to be conducted at the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly. Due to the unprecedented technical and logistical challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Assembly, at its seventy-fourth session and through its decision 74/564 of 12 August 2020, decided to extend the review of the peacebuilding architecture from the seventy-fourth session to the end of the main part of the seventy-fifth session, in order to afford all parties involved the time necessary to engage in intergovernmental consultations.

We now have the honour to transmit a letter, dated 16 December 2020, as well as substantially identical draft resolutions of the General Assembly and Security Council, from the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations on the review, H.E. Mr. Craig John Hawke, Permanent Representative of New Zealand, and H.E. Ms. Inga Rhonda King, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, containing the outcome of these intergovernmental consultations for the 2020 Review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture.

We have the further honour to inform that it is our intention to submit to the General Assembly and the Security Council for consideration and action on the draft resolutions under agenda item “Peacebuilding and sustaining peace” on 21 December 2020. Building on established practice, we intend to have the two draft resolutions considered in meetings of the two bodies on the same day.

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York


The General Assembly plenary meeting under this agenda item will be dedicated for consideration and action on the draft resolution only, while the debate on this agenda item will take place during the resumed part of the seventy-fifth session. Further details will be forthcoming in due course and will be announced in the UN Journal.

We wish to convey our deep gratitude to Ambassador Hawke and Ambassador King for their dedication and tireless efforts and commend all delegations for the flexibility and constructive spirit which they have displayed during these negotiations.

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



Volkan BOZKIR  
President of the General Assembly



Jerry Matthews Matjila  
President of the Security Council



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H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir  
President of the General Assembly  
United Nations  
**New York**

H.E. Mr. Jerry Matthews Matjila  
President of the Security Council  
Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations  
**New York**

Dear Excellencies,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the formal phase of the **2020 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture**.

Following a thorough and inclusive intergovernmental process, in which the full membership engaged constructively and comprehensively, it is our pleasure to share with you **draft resolutions on the review of the peacebuilding architecture** for adoption by the end of the main session of the 75<sup>th</sup> session. In accordance with the Terms of Reference, conveyed in the joint letter of 31 October 2019, which outlined that the intergovernmental consultations shall generate agreed recommendations for consideration and final decision by the General Assembly and the Security Council, we hereby submit the draft General Assembly resolution and the draft Security Council resolution, the text of which is based on the General Assembly draft but with small edits to bring it in line with Security Council resolutions, for simultaneous adoption.

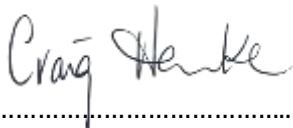
As we conclude this intergovernmental process, we take this opportunity to thank all delegations for their active support and flexibility. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly, or our

experts ([EllisPhillips@svgmission.org](mailto:EllisPhillips@svgmission.org) and [Jikita.deSchot@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:Jikita.deSchot@mfat.govt.nz)), if you have any questions or require any further information.

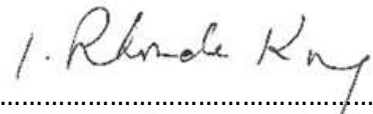
We would be grateful if this letter and the attached draft resolutions could be circulated to Member States.

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

Yours sincerely,



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**H.E. Mr. Craig J. Hawke**  
Permanent Representative of New Zealand  
to the United Nations



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**Seventy-fifth session**  
Agenda item 64

**Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly**

**Review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture**

*The General Assembly,*

PP1 *Guided* by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

PP2 *Reaffirming* General Assembly and Security Council resolutions 70/262 and 2282 (2016) of 27 April 2016, as well as A/RES/60/180 and S/RES/1645 (2005) of 20 December 2005, A/RES/65/7 and S/RES/1947 (2010) of 29 October 2010, and A/RES/72/276 and S/RES/2413 (2018) of 26 April 2018, and recalling statements of the President of the Security Council of 28 July 2016, 21 December 2017, and 18 December 2018,

PP3 *Reaffirming* that development, peace and security, and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,

PP4 *Reaffirming* that ‘sustaining peace’ should be broadly understood as a goal and a process to build a common vision of a society, ensuring that the needs of all segments of the population are taken into account, which encompasses activities aimed at preventing the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of conflict, addressing root causes, assisting parties to conflict to end hostilities, ensuring national reconciliation, and moving towards recovery, reconstruction and development, and emphasizing that sustaining peace is a shared task and responsibility that needs to be fulfilled by the government and all other national stakeholders, and should flow through all three pillars of the United Nations’ engagement at all stages of conflict, and in all its dimensions, and needs sustained international attention and assistance,

PP5 *Reaffirming* the primary responsibility of national Governments and authorities in identifying, driving and directing priorities, strategies and activities for peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and in this regard, emphasizing that inclusivity



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is key to advancing national peacebuilding processes and objectives in order to ensure that the needs of all segments of society are taken into account,

PP6 Noting that this year marks the twentieth anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security, and the fifth anniversaries of Security Council resolution 2250 (2015) on Youth, peace and security, and recognising the importance of the full, equal and meaningful participation of women and youth in peacebuilding, recalling further the fifth anniversary of the General Assembly resolution, A/RES/70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

PP7 *Expressing grave concern* about the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic across the world, especially in conflict-affected countries, and stressing the need for full implementation of Security Council resolution 2532 (2020) and noting the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution A/RES/74/306 in this regard, further noting that 2020 inaugurates the decade of action on the SDGs, recognizing that progress towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and all its goals and targets could be hampered, and peacebuilding and development gains reversed, and emphasizing the need to integrate peacebuilding and sustaining peace into efforts to build back better,

PP8 *Welcoming* the presentation of the report of the Secretary-General on peacebuilding and sustaining peace,<sup>1</sup> and the valuable inputs for the 2020 review of the peacebuilding architecture of the Peacebuilding Commission through its letter dated 2 July 2020, of the group of Independent Eminent Persons through its letters dated 6 July 2020, and noting input from thematic and regional consultations, and *encouraging* relevant United Nations bodies and organs including the Peacebuilding Commission to consider the inputs further,

OP1 *Welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace by Member States, including through the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations, and by the entire United Nations system, including through the reforms of the United Nations, and in particular at the field level through the work of peacekeeping operations, special political missions and UN country teams, and the important work of the Peacebuilding Fund, and

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*encourages* Member States and the entire United Nations system, in partnership with relevant stakeholders, including regional and sub-regional organizations, international financial institutions, civil society organizations, local peacebuilding stakeholders and, where relevant, the private sector, to continue to take action to implement the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and to advance efforts to bring greater coherence to peacebuilding efforts, in support of national peacebuilding priorities, and in particular in conflict-affected countries,

OP2 *Welcomes in particular* the important role of the Peacebuilding Commission, and calls on the Commission to continue strengthening its advisory, bridging and convening roles in support of nationally-owned priorities and efforts in the countries and regions under its consideration, as well as to continue strengthening its working methods to enhance its efficiency and impact in support of peacebuilding and sustaining peace,

OP3 *Reaffirms* that effective peacebuilding must involve the entire United Nations system, and in this regard, emphasizes the importance of joint analysis and effective strategic planning in its long-term engagement in conflict-affected countries,

OP4 *Notes* that peacebuilding financing remains a critical challenge, and therefore *decides* to convene a high-level meeting of the General Assembly in the seventy-sixth session to advance, explore and consider options for ensuring adequate, predictable and sustained financing for peacebuilding, and *invites*, starting in the seventy-fifth session, the relevant United Nations bodies and organs, including the Peacebuilding Commission, in accordance with respective mandates, to present inputs in advance for Member States' consideration and discussion at this meeting, and *affirms* a commitment to pursuing action-oriented outcomes,

OP5 *Calls* for a further comprehensive review of United Nations peacebuilding in 2025, and requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly and the Security Council an interim report in 2022 and a second, detailed report in 2024 in advance of the review, and also requests the Secretary-General to continue to present a report every two years following that review, on continued implementation of the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, with due attention to the impact of relevant reforms on the performance of the United Nations system in advancing the implementation of the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and



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with emphasis on the systematic impact made at the field level, for the consideration of Member States.



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PP5 *Reaffirming* the primary responsibility of national Governments and authorities in identifying, driving and directing priorities, strategies and activities for peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and in this regard, emphasizing that inclusivity is key to advancing national peacebuilding processes and objectives in order to ensure that the needs of all segments of society are taken into account,

PP6 *Noting* that this year marks the twentieth anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security, and the fifth anniversaries of Security Council resolution 2250 (2015) on Youth, peace and security, and recognising the importance of the full, equal and meaningful participation of women and youth in peacebuilding, recalling further the fifth anniversary of the General Assembly resolution, A/RES/70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

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PP8 *Welcoming* the presentation of the report of the Secretary-General on peacebuilding and sustaining peace,<sup>1</sup> and the valuable inputs for the 2020 review of the peacebuilding architecture of the Peacebuilding Commission through its letter dated 2 July 2020, of the group of Independent Eminent Persons through its letters dated 6 July 2020, and noting input from thematic and regional consultations, and *encouraging* relevant United Nations bodies and organs including the Peacebuilding Commission to consider the inputs further,

OP1 *Welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace by Member States, including through the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the United Nations, and by the entire United Nations system, including through the reforms of the United Nations, and in particular at the field level through the work of peacekeeping operations, special political missions and UN country teams, and the important work of the Peacebuilding Fund, and *encourages* Member States and the entire United Nations system, in partnership with relevant stakeholders, including regional and sub-regional organizations, international financial institutions, civil society organizations, local peacebuilding stakeholders and, where relevant, the private sector, to continue to take action to implement the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and to advance efforts to bring greater coherence to peacebuilding efforts, in support of national peacebuilding priorities, and in particular in conflict-affected countries,

OP2 *Welcomes in particular* the important role of the Peacebuilding Commission, and calls on the Commission to continue strengthening its advisory, bridging and convening roles in support of nationally-owned priorities and efforts in the countries and regions under its consideration, as well as to continue strengthening its working methods to enhance its efficiency and impact in support of peacebuilding and sustaining peace,

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OP4 *Notes* that peacebuilding financing remains a critical challenge, and therefore *takes note* of the General Assembly decision to convene a high-level meeting in the seventy-sixth session to advance, explore and consider options for ensuring adequate, predictable and sustained financing for peacebuilding, and to invite, starting in the seventy-fifth session, the relevant United Nations bodies and organs, including the Peacebuilding Commission, in accordance with respective mandates, to present inputs in advance for Member States' consideration and discussion at this meeting, and to affirm a commitment to pursuing action-oriented outcomes,

OP5 *Calls* for a further comprehensive review of United Nations peacebuilding in 2025, and requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly and the Security Council an interim report in 2022 and a second, detailed report in 2024 in advance of the review, and also requests the Secretary-General to

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continue to present a report every two years following that review, on continued implementation of the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, with due attention to the impact of relevant reforms on the performance of the United Nations system in advancing the implementation of the resolutions on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, and with emphasis on the systematic impact made at the field level, for the consideration of Member States,

OP6 *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.