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Excellency,

This year marks the 10 year anniversary of the establishment of the peacebuilding architecture. When Member States took this important decision they emphasized, inter alia, the need for a coordinated, coherent and integrated approach to post-conflict peacebuilding and reconciliation with a view to achieving sustainable peace.

In General Assembly resolution 65/7 and Security Council resolution 1947(2010), in which the Assembly and the Council, respectively, welcomed the recommendations of the first five-year review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture, the Assembly and the Council called for a further comprehensive review in 2015, five years after the conclusion of the 2010-review.

In a joint letter dated 15 December 2014 (A/69/674 – S/2014/911) the scope, terms of reference and modalities of the 2015-review were outlined and communicated to the Secretary-General, requesting him to proceed as proposed therein, including by nominating an advisory group of experts tasked with undertaking five previously identified country studies in accordance with the terms of reference.

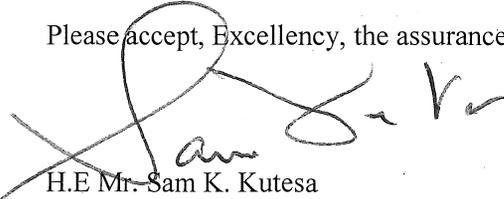
In his letter dated 23 December 2014 (A/69/681 – S/2014/939) the Secretary-General indicated that he was pleased to note that the General Assembly and the Security Council had decided to ground the analysis that would inform their consideration of the 2015 review in case studies.

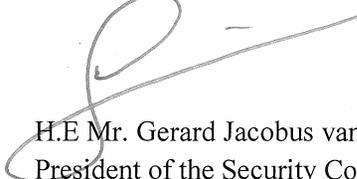
Pursuant to our request, the Secretary-General subsequently nominated 7 experts to undertake the first phase of the 2015-review, with an analysis anchored in five country studies as well as consultations at regional and headquarters level with the UN system and beyond. On this basis, the advisory group of experts developed findings and recommendations that were forwarded to Member States from our respective Offices.

We now have the honour to inform you that we have decided to appoint H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola, and H.E. Ms. Gillian Bird, Permanent Representative of Australia, to co-facilitate inter-governmental consultations in order to consider the recommendations submitted by the advisory group of experts and to generate agreed recommendations for consideration and final decision by the Assembly and the Council.

We trust that you will extend to them your full cooperation and support.

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


H.E Mr. Sam K. Kutesa
President of the General Assembly


H.E Mr. Gerard Jacobus van Bohemen
President of the Security Council

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