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STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE ANIFAH AMAN, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALAYSIA AT THE HIGH-LEVEL EVENT "PEACEBUILDING: WAY TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND SECURITY"

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Madam Chairperson,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you Madam Chairperson, for your astute leadership in steering this High Level Event entitled **Peacebuilding: Way towards Sustainable Peace and Security**.

2. Malaysia strongly believes in the work and efforts of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC). Its mandate to support peace efforts in countries emerging from conflicts is an added element to the peace agenda of the international community.

Madam Chairperson,

3. The six Country Specific Configurations under the purview of the PBC are currently the thrust of its work. As a member of the Guinea Configuration, we are pleased to have the opportunity to do our part. We will continue to provide training and technical assistance in the fields of agriculture, poverty alleviation, rural development and economic development and public management sector through the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme. Malaysia is optimistic that Guinea has the potential to recover and emerge as a success story to the international community.

4. Malaysia believes it has a significant role to play in global peacebuilding efforts. We look forward to be more involved in the work of the Commission in 2013 by sharing our experiences on nation-building, governance, economic and social development, and transformation towards ensuring sustainable post-conflict recovery in affected countries.

Madam Chairperson,

5. Malaysia along with many other countries view national commitment, support from the international community, improved coordination, enhanced collaboration, sufficient resources and lessons from the past as fundamental elements for sustainable peace and stability in post-conflict situations. With more countries being added on the agenda of the PBC, it is even more critical that the UN peacebuilding capacities improve with these fundamental elements as priorities.

6. The Commission faces many challenges. It needs to have adequate funding and the commitment of Member States among others, to support its global activities and for it to function effectively.

7. Malaysia is of the view that these challenges can be overcome by attracting more UN Member States to share their own experiences in peacebuilding and contribute towards post-conflict management initiatives. The PBC can also form partnerships with international financial institutions, major donors and even the private sector. This would further enhance the Commission and lead the way to a more successful future.

Madam Chairperson,

8. When one conflict ends, another begins. The end of a conflict does not signify the achievement of peace. This highlights the increasing importance of peacebuilding for sustainable peace and stability. Madam Chairperson, I assure you of Malaysia's support and commitment towards this end.

Thank you.