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AND PEACEBUILDING FUND,
AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS,
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Mr. President,

On the outset, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to you Mr President for convening this annual debate on the Reports of the Peacebuilding Commission on its sixth session (A/67/715) and Report of the Secretary General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/67/711).

2. I also like to thank Ambassador Abdul Kalam Abdul Momen, the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh for presenting the report of the sixth session. I would also take this opportunity to thank Ambassador Ranko Villovic, Permanent Representative of the Republic Croatia and Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission for the statement he had delivered. At this juncture, my delegation associates itself with the statement made by Tunisia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

3. My delegation commends the Peacebuilding Commission and the Peacebuilding Fund for the reports submitted for deliberation of the General Assembly. The two reports have been invaluable in underscoring the important work of the Commission and the Fund. Malaysia takes note of the reports, the findings and conclusions which will be the basis of our deliberations today.

Mr. President,

4. The establishment of the Peacebuilding Commission was to prevent countries emerging from conflict from relapsing into conflict. As an inter-governmental advisory body entrusted to coordinate and integrate approaches on post-conflict peacebuilding measures, the Commission had continued to play an important role in assisting such countries in navigating this perilous journey.

5. Malaysia shares the views as reflected in the report, especially on the importance of developing national capacity and resource mobilization as key principles to a successful peacebuilding initiative. Without national capacity, there can be no governance and without

resources, there can be no development. We support the continued efforts of the Commission in mobilising international support and interests from various players including the World Bank and the African Development in this endeavour.

6. The report outlined various progress and developments in the six Country Specific Configurations under its agenda. My delegation is especially encouraged with the developments in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Burundi. We believe the progresses in these countries are a testimony of the legitimacy of the strategy of the Commission in its work and the strong cooperation between the PBC and the governments of those countries. Nevertheless, we believe that efforts should continue toward achieving sustainable peace, stability and development. At the same time, my delegation is of the view that the Commission should intensify efforts in supporting the remaining countries under its agenda from relapsing into conflict.

7. Malaysia is not new in supporting development and progress of developing countries and countries emerging from conflict. We have continued to demonstrate our commitment in the development of human capital and governance through the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme. Officials from Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Central African Republic have benefitted from the Programme. Through the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme, Malaysia has trained a total of 163 officials from Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Guinea-Bissau, in various programmes including capacity building programme, public administration, agricultural management, diplomacy and customs and law enforcement.

Mr. President,

8. It is without a doubt that the work of the Commission must continue and be enhanced. The Commission's advisory role on peacebuilding matters with UN Organs, particularly the Security Council, must continue to be strengthened. Malaysia commends the progress made in enhancing relations between the Commission and the Security Council. We encourage further consultations and discussions between the two Organs to support peacebuilding programmes in the countries under the Commission's agenda.

9. While the progresses in our work as reflected in the report have been a welcomed development, Malaysia is of the opinion that coherence and coordination between the Commission and the various UN entities at the field level must continue to be enhanced. My delegation is of the view that such coordination on field is important, as most of the Commission's work and assistance takes effect at the field level.

Mr. President,

10. Malaysia takes note of developments on the working methods of the Organizational Committee of the Commission. The working methods of the Commission would ensure efficiency, credibility and continuity to future generations. My delegation is of the view that developments in the working methods of the Commission must continue to

be updated that will ensure coherent policy development, transparency and cultivate institutional memory that would further strengthen the Commission.

11. Malaysia also takes note of the relations between the Peacebuilding Commission and the concept of Civilian Capacity in the Aftermath of Conflict. This synergy can be further explored in gauging expertise from countries which have emerged from conflict that would endow the Commission with experience and knowledge. While taking note of this important development, my delegation is of the view that cooperation and collaboration between the two sides should be more specific and centred on important thematic issues such as economic revitalization, development of governance and national reconciliation.

Mr. President,

12. My delegation underscores that resource mobilisation is a key element in supporting countries in transit to peace. In this regard, Malaysia takes note of the Secretary General's report on the Peacebuilding Fund. We are encouraged with the increased contribution of US\$80.5 million in 2012. This demonstrates a widespread believe and trust in the Fund by Member States and donor entities in supporting the peacebuilding agenda of the United Nations.

13. Malaysia would continue to place our trust in the Peacebuilding Fund to support the Commission in its work in the six countries under its agenda. Apart from the six countries under its agenda, Malaysia takes note that the Fund has supported 19 other countries and 19 other UN agencies in various programmes that support peace and stability.

14. While the Fund has contributed to the work of the Commission and various other countries and UN agencies, Malaysia would like to underline for more Member States and international donors to contribute to the Fund. At the same time, Malaysia would also like to echo for transparency and accountability in the disbursement of the Fund in ensuring the best practises are inculcated in managing the Fund.

Mr. President,

15. Peacebuilding requires the cooperation and coordination of all key players, both international and from the host country. The Peacebuilding Commission and the Peacebuilding Fund have continued to play this important role of supporting nations in duress to stabilise and prosper. We should continue to support the Commission and the Fund in this noble endeavour. It is Malaysia's aspiration to see greater commitment from Member States and international players to support of sustainable peace and stability through the work of the Commission. Malaysia stands ready and looks forward to working closely with all its members in support of peacebuilding.

I thank you, Mr. President.