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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you, Ambassador Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Permanent Representative of Brazil, on your election as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission for its eighth session. Allow me to also extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ambassador Vladimir Drobnyak, Permanent Representative of Croatia, for his excellent leadership and chairmanship of the Commission last year.

2. Let me also congratulate and welcome the new members of the Organisational Committee which have successfully been elected into the Peacebuilding Commission.

3. We wish to commend the Commission in the preparation of the report as contained in document PBC/7/OC/L.2. Malaysia takes note of the insights, key findings and conclusions reflected in the report. In this regard, my delegation wishes to present some of our views on some of the important findings contained in the report.

Mr. Chairman,

4. Malaysia is pleased with progress made in the six countries under the Commission's agenda. The report of the Peacebuilding Commission we have before us highlights numerous developments in Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Burundi. Nevertheless, we believe that the Commission should continue efforts to re-engage with the Central African Republic and Guinea-Bissau, which have seen a derailment of progress in terms of cooperation and dialogue due to domestic political developments.

5. Malaysia is all too aware that peacebuilding cannot reach its intended objectives without resources. The report of the Commission highlighted this important aspect regarding resource mobilization. On this, partnerships with international financial institutions and regional development banks would prove critical in generating the financial resources needed to sustain peacebuilding efforts. Notwithstanding this, we should also focus on developing revenue generating capacity of countries in transition. As such, we call on Member States to provide training in revenue generation as well as in enhancing and improving administration and governance.

Mr. Chairman,

6. My delegation welcomes the decision to convene an annual session of the Peacebuilding Commission. The annual session would enable closer interaction and engagement among the relevant stakeholders in New York, players in the field, as well as senior officials from our respective capitals. Equally important, the annual session would also promote the Peacebuilding Commission and its work to other stakeholders such as non-governmental organizations and regional organizations, which would bring about a more holistic approach in our noble effort to prevent countries from relapsing into conflict.

7. In making the Commission more effective, my delegation also believes that we should also consider the role of resident embassies of the Commission's Member States. Resident embassies of Member States can bridge the link between parties on the ground and representatives in New York. Malaysia takes note of the discussion on "The field orientation of the Peacebuilding Commission" in streamlining the work of this advisory body. However, we believe that discussion on this matter should continue with the aim of elevating the role of resident embassies in the field. Embassies are the 'eyes and ears' in the field and they can support the Commission during field visits and oversee the implementation of the agreement with the host country.

Mr. Chairman,

8. Malaysia is happy to note that the Organizational Committee has successfully completed documenting the first part of the working methods of the Peacebuilding Commission. The compendium is an important document in enhancing the predictability of the Commission's work programme and providing better understanding in the work and functioning of the Commission. It is my delegation's hope that the Commission would continue to update the compendium as newer policy and instruments on peacebuilding are identified and practised.

9. The Peacebuilding Commission has undergone many changes in its working methods and activities to bring about stability and positive developments to countries emerging from conflict. Malaysia welcomes the progress made in enhancing relations between the Commission and the various principal Organs of the United Nations, especially with the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

Mr. Chairman,

10. In conclusion, my delegation would continue to participate actively in the work of the Peacebuilding Commission as we strive to support peacebuilding initiatives for the recovery of the countries under its agenda. We believe cooperation between Member States remains key to any successful venture, especially in peacebuilding.

I thank you.