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Wrap up Session

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Maintenance of International peace and security: peaceful societies and conflict prevention

Mr. President,

We thank and praise the UK Delegation for the theme of the monthly debate, which was honorened by the presence of the UK Secretary of State for International Development.

The almost 90 particiapants in the debate attest on the interest of the UN membership, which expressed relevant ideas and shared views, including on the needed reforms of the United Nations system.

The convening of this debate was timely and was of significant importance, in a time the United Nations is conducting the review of its peacekeeping architecture, evaluating the peace keeping operations, assessing the progress and achievements of Resolution 1325, on Women, peace and security, and adopted the 2030 Development Agenda for Sustainable Development,

For Angola, who was has been appointed, with Australia, as Co-Facilitator of the intergovernmental phase of the peacebuilding architecture review, this meeting was a golden opportunity to get further knowledge on how UN members perceive this issue and enriched this important debate.

Participants have called for an enhanced coordination of actions and more coherent strategies between the United Nations principal organs, namely the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council; while the funding for peacebuilding activities and the significant gap between the costs of peacekeeping and peacebuilding were a central issue raised by most speakers.

The debate revealed a great expectation on the outcomes of the review process. Angola and Australia reiterated, in their satements, the commitment to conduct the consultations and negotiations for the joint resolution by the General Assembly and the Security Council on the review, in an open, inclusive and transparent manner.

Most participants focused their interventions on the root causes of conflicts, identifying national authorities as bearing the primary responsability to ensure peaceful societies and sustainable development through the adoption of policies of political, social and economic inclusion.

Environmental issues were also raised since many conflicts emerge from the lack of fundamental resources. The management of natural resources was also seen as an important element since they have the potential to become source of conflicts by armed and extremist groups.

Member States also underscored the importance of respecting individual and collective fundamental freedoms and rights, the rule of law and the implementation of genuine democratic systems.

A number of Member States took the opportunity to share their experience and best practices regarding the promotion of conflict prevention, peacebuilding and peace in general.

Let me conclude, Mr. President, by reiterating our appreciation for the choice of the theme and the full commitment of Angola in promoting peace and security in Angola, and in the region, and in supporting international efforts aimed at finding solutions to the conflicts in the UN agenda, as well as to issues of general interest and momentous importance for future generations, such as the environment, climate change and a more peaceful world.

Thank you very much.