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Civilian Capacity in the Aftermath of Conflict

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Mr. President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Movement wishes to thank the President of the General Assembly for organizing this important debate. The Movement also thanks the Secretary General and his team on review of civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict for the report.

Mr. President,

The Movement takes note of the report of the Secretary General as contained in document A/ 66/311 regarding the review of international civilian capacities, in support of national capacities for post-conflict peacebuilding. The movement also takes note of the efforts of the Secretary General to broaden and deepen the pool of experts, giving particular attention to mobilizing capacities from the developing countries. The Movement, in this regard underscores the importance of civilian capacity that exists already within the developing world and expresses its readiness to support national civilian capacity and institution building in support of peacebuilding activities in post-conflict situations. In this regard, we reaffirm the fundamental principle of national ownership.

Mr. President,

The Movement wishes to reiterate its principled positions that the review of civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict should be conducted solely to support national efforts of peacebuilding through national capacity development, based on demand in the field. The efforts must strive to incorporate the grass-root needs of people particularly those of women. It should be buttressed by predictable funding. The capacity that exists in the global south must be mobilized on a priority basis so that their experience in similar socio-economic conditions could be replicated suitably in support of nation building.

Mr. President,

The report of the Secretary General identifies some of the priority areas. The Movement will constructively partner in further clarification on implementation of these priorities. The Movement hopes that in the course of future interaction, the Secretary General will come up with detail plans on how each of those priority
areas such as national ownership, capacity building, capacity from south, women integration, predictable funding will be implemented. In this regard, the Movement reiterates its stress on the following points:

**Building Partnership:** The Movement stresses on the potential benefits that the process can realize from inclusive partnership among relevant stakeholders in its development and implementation. The partnership should go beyond briefing to meaningful consultations with the member states to benefit from their ideas, views and experiences and to avoid duplication of work in the headquarters as well as in the field.

**Demand Driven Approach:** The Movement commends the report for adopting a demand driven approach. We, however, stress that the assessment of demand should reflect the views of the national stakeholders and strike a right balance between developmental needs and contingencies of peace and security.

**Capacity from the South:** The Movement reiterates its emphasis that the capacity from the global south should be mobilized on a priority basis. In this regard, we emphasize on the framework of South-South and triangular cooperation based on predictable and adequate funding and resources. We believe that the process can benefit from the experience of time tested mechanism of deploying military and police experts on secondment basis.

**Peacekeeping-Peacebuilding Nexus:** Peacekeepers lay the foundations of peace. They also contribute to early peacebuilding. The success of peacebuilding activities hinges upon the effective completion of peacekeeping operations. We therefore, stresses that both the peacekeeping and peacebuilding activities should be supported by adequate financial and human resources to ensure sustainable peace. The Movement also stresses that the peacebuilding activities should not negatively impact on the resources support to the peacekeeping operations. This would weaken the establishment of initial peace resulting in creation of unavoidable impediment for achieving sustainable peace.

**National Capacity Building:** Building national capacity of post conflict countries should be the center of all of our efforts. We are cognizant of the fact that the national capacities in many post conflict situations are often
fragmented. Therefore, our initiatives should focus on integrating the fragmented capacities that exist in post-conflict countries so that they can strive to sustainable peace and avoid possible relapse into conflict. The Movement emphasizes on detailed analysis of the situation taking into account the views of national stakeholders. The Movement also stresses that all initiatives and programmes such as ‘brain drain’, ‘co-location’ of international staffs should be meant for ensuring national capacity development. Therefore, they should be context driven and be implanted in consultation with all stakeholders.

**National Ownership:** National ownership is the core of all principles for reviewing civilian capacities. The principle should not be inducted in a selective manner; rather it should be inclusive. The mechanism should be elaborated in such a way that encompasses citizen representatives including vulnerable groups such as women and children. It should empower grassroots people so that they can utilize their social bond as a strong collateral for developmental work and as an effective deterrent against relapsing into conflict. Empowering a community ensure the security of people, their lives and properties.

**Finally,**

Mr. President, reviewing civilian capacity is a cross-cutting issue that requires a comprehensive development plan. Few years back, the UN leadership established the PBC to uphold the same spirit. We therefore, believe that the process should benefit from the expertise and experience that PBC has gathered over the time.

**Mr. President,**

In conclusion, the Movement expresses its preliminary views on the report of the Secretary General on Civilian Capacity in the aftermath of conflict in the intergovernmental process. The Movement reiterates its commitment to constructively engage on substantive and specific proposal on the matter.

**I thank you Mr. President.**