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**TO THE**

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Mr. President,

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

Since the short time of its existence, the Peacebuilding Commission has worked diligently towards fulfilling its mandate of addressing the special needs of the countries on its agenda; working specifically towards their rehabilitation, recovery and reconstruction with the clear aim of creating the foundation for sustainable development, as stipulated by its founding resolutions: A/60/180 and S/Res/1645 (2005).

The underlying feature of the PBC's sustained engagement with the countries on its agenda has been to strengthen State capacity by ensuring national ownership of the peacebuilding process through the inclusion of a wide cross-section of key players in the decision making process, particularly as this relates to the identification of priorities and the recommendation of strategies for post-conflict peacebuilding.

Our focus after two years of the PBC's existence is to further bolster the effectiveness and capabilities of the Commission to better fulfill its mandate as the lead player in peace consolidation and to ensure that the wide network of actors involved can operate effectively, efficiently and coherently in building legitimate national ownership, establishing and strengthening capacity where necessary, while maintaining sustained international attention on the countries on its agenda.

Mr. President,

In this regard, the Non-Aligned Movement stresses the central role of the Peacebuilding Commission as the dedicated institutional mechanism to address the special needs of countries emerging from conflict towards recovery, security and sustainable development, through a coordinated and integrated approach to post-conflict peacebuilding and reconciliation.

Mr. President,

A close scrutiny of the concept paper presented as the basis for these discussions reveals certain fundamental questions, the most critical of which are: What do such civilian capacities encompass? How do such capacities differ from already existing international capacity, especially the relationship between such capacities and national capacities, the improvement of which must remain the central objective of all peace consolidation efforts? Will the utilization of such capacities come at the expense of other elements of the development agenda?

Furthermore, following upon this, the Movement would hope to see more detailed, inclusive and wide-ranging discussions on how such civilian capacities are to be organized, financed and deployed and on the nature and extent of the role of the United Nations, in this regard. Additionally, the concept paper seems to be based on a similar document under discussion in the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, "Enhanced Rapidly Deployable Capacity (ERDC)". In this regard, clarification as to the nature of the relationship between both documents would be appreciated.

Mr. President,

The Non-Aligned Movement remains of the view that the leadership and coordinating role of the Peacebuilding Commission are critical components of the peacebuilding architecture and the spearhead for a coordinated, coherent and integrated approach to post-conflict peacebuilding and reconciliation, as underpinned by the founding resolutions.

The lead role by the Commission in post-conflict situations becomes even more crucial particularly against the backdrop of the dire situation being faced by the countries emerging from conflict, including the critical humanitarian, as well as socio-economic challenges, such as the high levels of debt burden and severe fiscal constraints, which require the provision of medium to long-term resources, in order to strengthen the foundations for security and stability, of the countries emerging from conflict.

Mr. President,

The issues raised by the concept paper: **leadership on the ground; the need for a rapidly deployable and skilled civilian capacity; more rapid and flexible funding** – are already being considered by the Peacebuilding Commission, especially in its country-specific configurations and should continue to be the subject for discussion and analysis, in accordance with its mandate. Therefore Mr. President, advice and recommendations on these and other conceptual issues should be provided by the PBC.

In addition to the discussions within the PBC, the Non-Aligned Movement is further of the view that consultations between the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on the issues raised by the paper can unearth practical workable results and pragmatic recommendations in an integrated and holistic manner.

Given the role of the Peacebuilding Commission as an inter-governmental advisory body, the Movement considers it appropriate and indeed necessary that any advice required for the consideration of these issues, should be sought from the Commission.

Mr. President,

The Non-Aligned Movement remains convinced that the appropriate forum to address matters relating to building peace in post-conflict countries is the Peacebuilding Commission. In this regard, and also taking into account the equal stake of the principal organs of the United Nations, in the long-term success and viability of the Commission, robust efforts to craft additional comprehensive and at the same time, flexible measures to consolidate peace in post-conflict societies, should be based on the fullest utilization of the capabilities of the Peacebuilding Commission.

I thank you.