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Excellencies,

I join Council members in thanking Ambassador Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative of Sweden and Chair of the 9th Session of the Peacebuilding Commission for his statement. I am delighted to see Sweden at the helm of the PBC and am confident that under Ambassador Skoog's leadership, we will achieve further progress in the Commission's work.

2. I would also like to thank Ambassador Patriota of Brazil for his outstanding leadership of the PBC's 8th Session. Your statement and the report as contained in document A/69/818-S/2015/174 outlines many important issues that will continue to dominate our discussion. I wish to also extend my appreciation to the Peacebuilding Support Office for its unstinting support and cooperation to the PBC.

Excellencies,

3. Challenges to international peace and security today places enormous demands in terms of political attention and the need for resources.

4. While the Security Council has primary responsibility in addressing such situations especially the newly emerging and fast developing situations, there is also an overlap with the PBC in the sense that the Commission also addresses certain situations that remain on the Council's agenda but are generally moving towards a more predictable and stable path.

5. In any case, all of these situations require our collective attention and it is Malaysia's view that the Security Council should strengthen its partnership with the PBC in facing these dynamic challenges.

6. The PBC was born out of a necessity to avert and prevent countries from relapsing into conflict. Since its establishment, the PBC has demonstrated its worth particularly in terms of its support for building institutions and strengthening national resilience in times of peace as well as in providing advice and accompaniment to countries that are facing political difficulties in troubled times.

Excellencies,

7. Malaysia had always envisioned a PBC which is firmly rooted in the field while having strong and dynamic working relations with the Security Council. As a concurrent member of both the Security Council and the PBC, Malaysia had assumed the informal coordinating role between both bodies in order to facilitate better understanding and relations between both bodies.

8. The discussion today underscores the need for strengthened and strategic partnership between both bodies. Among others, issues such as transitions and the emerging gap between peacekeeping and peacebuilding and in the engagement of international actors to prevent relapse of emerging countries to conflict could be tacked better.

9. At the same time, the ongoing review of the peacebuilding architecture presents a timely opportunity for the members of the Commission and the wider UN membership to take stock and further deliberate on measures aimed at improving the UN peacebuilding architecture.

10. We believe that the PBA review and its outcome should also take into consideration other review processes namely the High-Level review of resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and the outcome of the UN peace operations review.

11. Malaysia further holds that the outcomes of these three reviews processes are imperative to the UN system and must be mutually reinforcing to bring impact and improvement.

Excellencies,

12. The UN and the world at large continue to face enormous challenges to international peace and security. In recent times, we have seen deadly conflicts emerge in the Middle East and North Africa resulting in unacceptable levels of civilian casualties

especially among the most vulnerable, including women, children and the elderly. At the same time, the work of strengthening and building national resilience in countries undergoing political transition is equally important and no less challenging.

13. At this critical juncture, Malaysia sees opportunities for synergy and for forging coherent partnership between this Council and the PBC. In so far as international peace and security are dependent on one another, so too should the relations between the Council and the Commission.

Thank you for your kind attention.