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on Post-Conflict Peace Building
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Madame President,

At the onset, allow me to congratulate you, Madame President, and Colombia for assuming the Presidency of the Security Council for the month of July. I also wish to align my statement with that made by Tunisia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Madame President,

Peace-keeping and peace-building are two sides of the same coin. The action of UN member states in pre-empting violence and ensuring stability and security for civilians have been well accounted throughout the United Nations history. With over a hundred thousand soldiers and civilians deployed in a host of peace-keeping missions, it is evident that peace-keeping and peace-building work would continue to be the staple of the UN to ensure international peace and security.

The creation of the Peacebuilding Commission is not without merit. While Malaysia values the role and functions of the Commission, we must also realise for the need to be pragmatic in our approach at peacebuilding. The Report of the Peacebuilding Commission of the fifth session reflects with clarity the activities and initiatives conducted by the Commission in 2011. In this connection, we take note of the Report which suggested greater interaction need between the Commission and the Security Council as crucial and should be intensified. With more meaningful interaction, a synergy of efforts and coordination between the two UN bodies would only benefit the stakeholders in promoting stability and peace.

At a higher level, relations between the Commission with other UN Bodies and regional organisations could also be championed to share related experiences and capacities in post-conflict efforts. Additionally, intra system relations should be championed in order to enhance coordination and inter-connectedness between the PBC, PBSO, PBF and other related partners.

Malaysia realise that peacebuilding requires financial support in building national institutions and strengthening governance in state development. In supporting the effort for resource mobilisation, it would be of great interest for the Commission to take steps

in interacting with other possible partners. Such interactions would generate interest to explore mutually beneficial potentials and opportunities.

The Commission's current roles should have the capacity to include other areas in developing effective mapping models in order to develop credible programmes with clarity that includes coordination on humanitarian assistance, reconstruction, governance and rebuilding of public institutions. In this context, the Commission has embarked on the right step with the Roadmap of Action for 2012. However, there is a continued need to update the Roadmap consistently.

Madame President,

As stated earlier, Malaysia believes that the role played by the United Nations in peace-keeping and peace-building are inter-related. In fact, with such multi-dimensional conflicts in existence today, we believe that peace-building is a complete system in conflict resolution. While peace-keeping would restore security and stability, peace-building encompasses a wider range of involvement in an array of issues including humanitarian relief and post-conflict re-construction which are equally important.

In post-conflict initiatives, the role of the international community in developing the economy in conflict affected areas is pivotal in decreasing the possibility of re-emerging wars. This is true as most conflict affected areas of the world are located in the world's most impoverished areas. Hence, it is only logical to address the socio-economic well-being of the population in the affected areas.

The formula Malaysia has consistently applied in post-conflict initiatives have always centred on socio-economic development and building the capacity of local stakeholders. Through the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), Malaysia has contributed in the development of capacity in Member States in need. We believe such capacity building programmes would eventually contribute to resolving the conflicts.

Malaysia's contribution in peace-building work does not end there. In support of peacebuilding and humanitarian efforts, Malaysia also hosts the fifth and largest United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD). The Depot in Malaysia is currently hosting 40 different international organisations operating throughout region. With such vigour, Malaysia encourages UN Member States and other stakeholders to fully utilise the Depot in Malaysia as a regional hub to provide storage, logistics support and services to UN humanitarian agencies, international humanitarian organizations, governmental and non-governmental organizations, thus reinforcing capacity for humanitarian emergency and peacebuilding efforts.

Madame President,

Malaysia has been an active participant in international security and peace-building initiatives. In this relation, Malaysia wishes to have better interactions with the Commission, members of the different configurations, its Chairs and other interested partners in generating a synergy of capacities. We want to assure Member States that Malaysia will continue to be an active player and a reliable partner in the international efforts to support peace and nation re-building initiatives in post conflict situations.

I thank you, Madame President.