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SECURITY COUNCIL OPEN DEBATE ON POST-CONFLICT PEACEBUILDING:
REVIEW OF THE PEACEBUILDING ARCHITECTURE

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Mr. President,

I join earlier speakers in thanking you for convening this meeting which is a timely opportunity to take stock of ongoing work on reviewing the peacebuilding architecture. I thank you for the informative concept note.

2. I also thank the briefers namely Ambassador Kamau of Kenya; Ambassador Skoog of Sweden; and Ambassador Rosenthal for their respective presentations.

3. As a concurrent member of the Peacebuilding Commission, Malaysia subscribes to a number of points and issues elaborated by the briefers. I wish to further contribute to the discussion with the following points.

Mr. President,

4. As stressed by the briefers, 2015 and 2016 are crucial for the peacebuilding agenda, not least in respect of the ongoing **P-B-A** [Peacebuilding Architecture] review process.

5. I take this opportunity to express support for Angola and Australia in leading the ongoing intergovernmental negotiations on the review outcome.

6. We are confident that the comprehensive, transparent and inclusive approach of the co-chairs would yield an outcome that enjoys the broadest support and consensus among all member states, partners and stakeholders.

Mr. President,

7. 2015 saw a significant and positive shift in the PBC's approach, particularly with regard to its advocacy role.

8. The Commission's engagement with states not on its formal agenda namely Burkina Faso, Papua New Guinea and Somalia demonstrated that the PBC has the flexibility to engage outside a predetermined scope.

9. It is noteworthy that the Commission was earlier able to adopt a regional approach in supporting UN efforts to respond to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

10. Such engagement indicates that the PBC possesses a latent ability to act in a preventive capacity. It is important that the ongoing review exercise recognises this potential and considers the necessary measures to maintain or strengthen it further.

11. We fully agree with Ambassador Kamau's observation that in the long-run, investments in preventing the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of conflict are considerably less costly and sustainable when compared to the cost of reacting and responding to crises.

12. In the long term, strengthening the PBC's preventive capacity and role also contributes to deepening a culture of prevention within the UN system and on the shared, Charter mandated responsibility of sustaining peace.

Mr. President,

13. The concurrent reviews of the PBA, of UN peace operations and of resolution 1325 present an opportunity to address the challenge of possible fragmentation as well as to promote better synergy, coordination and complementarity in the work of the relevant UN bodies, agencies and mechanisms towards achieving the core objective of promoting and sustaining peace.

14. Across all three review processes runs an underlying thread which is the pursuit of an integrated approach linking development, human rights and security, while fully mindful of the primacy of politics in peacebuilding efforts and peace process.

15. In this context, my delegation wishes to underscore the **linkages with** and the **need for** PBA review outcomes to be aligned with the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

16. Eradication of hunger and poverty, economic revitalization and stabilisation, including by increasing the revenue-generating capacity of countries in transition, must count among the core objectives of peacebuilding initiatives. At the same time, we are also supportive of proposals to strengthen participation of women and youth in peacebuilding. Therefore, overall post-conflict peacebuilding efforts should incorporate inclusive approaches and policies involving all stakeholders of conflict-affected countries. We also call for an enhanced coordination and concerted efforts by UN agencies, to address the fragmentation and avoid working in silos, as reflected in the various reports of the AGE, HIPPO and Resolution 1325.

17. We further believe that there is scope within the review process for recommendations to enhance the PBC's engagement and collaboration with regional organisations and actors, as well as with I-F-Is [International Financial Institutions], including through more effective partnerships with such actors.

18. In this regard, the conclusions emanating from the Commission's meeting on transition finance and peacebuilding in Somalia on 2 November 2015 could prove instructive.

19. In recognising the woeful state of funding for peacebuilding initiatives, Malaysia reaffirms support for the A-G-E [Advisory Group of Experts to the PBA Review] recommendation for 1% percent of total contributions to the UN's PKO and SPM budgets to be allocated to the P-B-F [Peacebuilding Fund], not only as a symbolic gesture but also as seed funding towards ensuring predictable and sustainable funding for future peacebuilding efforts and activities.

20. With a view to "delivering as one", it is equally important that the relationship between the Commission and the Council be strengthened.

21. Certain proposals on reinforcing Commission's advisory role to the SC including by increasing formal/informal dialogue, closer engagement with penholders, and closer coordination and planning of forward activities including meetings and field visits with the SC presidency towards ensuring that the Council integrates important peacebuilding objectives in its deliberations, in our view only require procedural tweaks.

In concluding Mr. President,

22. Malaysia believes that the present review process affords us a crucial opportunity to improve the mandate and functioning of the PBC which is a unique entity with enormous potentials.

23. The PBA review must position the PBC so that it is better able to leverage on strengths such as its advocacy and convening roles towards promoting and sustaining peace, not only in post-conflict scenarios but also in a preventative capacity.

24. As such, we are hopeful that the review's outcome could be adopted in a timely manner with a view to enhancing the PBC's work, including on its relations with the Council.

I thank you, Mr. President.