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COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE PEACEBUILDING COMMISSION IN
ITS NINTH SESSION**

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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me to begin by congratulating you, Ambassador Olof Skoog the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN, on your election as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission for the Ninth Session. The statement which you have delivered is an important one that will guide us in our work this year. I am sure with Sweden leading this Commission in its Ninth Session, we will be able to achieve progress and development in the Commission's work to support peacebuilding and prevent relapse of countries in transition.

2. Rest assured Mr. Chairman, that you can count on my delegation's full support to this work.

3. Before proceeding further, I also wish to express my delegation's appreciation to Ambassador Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Permanent Representative of Brazil, for his stellar leadership during the Eighth Session of the Peacebuilding Commission.

4. My delegation would also like to express appreciation to the Peacebuilding Support Office for the report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its eighth session as contained in document PBC/8/OC/L.1. Indeed, the report is an important document to the Commission as we move further in our collective effort to support countries which are undergoing political transition.

Mr. Chairman,

5. Malaysia takes note and welcomes the key findings and conclusions reflected in the report. In this connection, Malaysia wishes to make the following brief comments:

- i. Malaysia is encouraged with the progress made by the countries under the Commission's agenda to consolidate peace after conflict despite far-reaching challenges. Nevertheless, we remain concerned with instances of relapse to conflict of these countries,
- ii. The situation in the Central African Republic demands our collective attention. The volatile security situation and dire humanitarian predicament in the Central African Republic must not be neglected nor forgotten. We must be reminded that improvement in the Central African Republic and work through the Commission must resume at its earliest possibility,
- iii. Over the past years, there have been repeated calls made by the Member States for the international community to work collectively towards a coordinated and coherent effort in preventing conflicts and assisting the post-conflict countries. However, Malaysia views that coordination between the agencies and partners of the United Nations remains as a key challenge in that regard,
- iv. We view that the ongoing review of the 2015 peacebuilding architecture presents a timely opportunity for the members of the Commission and the wider UN Membership to take stock and further discuss measures aimed at improving the UN peacebuilding architecture. Given the linkages between peacebuilding, peace operation and the role of women in peace process, Malaysia views that the outcomes of the three Reviews are mutually reinforcing,
- v. Malaysia takes notes of the work plan of the Commission for the first half of the year. We also take note on the proposed general theme for the Second Annual Session scheduled in June 2015 entitled "*Predictable Financing for Peacebuilding – Breaking the Silos*". We view that the theme underscores the heart of the peacebuilding work,
- vi. Malaysia is also encouraged to note the level of engagement of the Commission with the regional

organizations. We view that the complementarity of efforts in support of peace consolidation is at greater importance in the peacebuilding efforts. We further support the need for developing a common African Union position vis-à-vis the areas that will be addressed during the 2015 review; and

- vii. As in the case of the Ebola outbreak, the Commission has been instrumental in maintaining the focus of the international community to the Ebola crisis and coordinating efforts with all partners including regional and sub-regional organizations. However, we believe that the Commission's role is equally important in building capacity and resilience of affected countries. In this regard, Malaysia has announced to contribute US\$100,000 through the Multinational Donor Trust Fund early this year, for the same cause.

Mr. Chairman,

6. Malaysia has always envisioned for a Peacebuilding Commission that has its root firmly in the field while strengthening its working relations with the Security Council. Today, we share that same sentiment as portrayed by the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission in his inaugural statement. As a non-permanent member of the Security Council, we are pleased to share this coordination work between the Commission and the Council. We believe that both the Council and the Commission would be better serving the Member States should we both work in a concerted manner.

Mr. Chairman,

7. In conclusion, the Peacebuilding Commission is a unique organization. Leveraging on its membership, this Commission can achieve credible and important objectives in burden-sharing to assist countries undergoing political transition. We must realize that only by working together can we deliver these important results that not only prevents future conflicts, but also strengthens work in support of international peace and security. Allow me to also welcome the new members of the Organizational Committee which were elected together with Malaysia to the Peacebuilding Commission for the term 2015-2016.

Thank you.