

The Peacebuilding Commission
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rebuild or develop new frameworks that promote regional security cooperation. She noted that the New Agenda for Peace will call for Member States to adopt new norms, regulations and accountability mechanisms to strengthen the multilateral system and explore ways to fully utilize the diplomatic toolbox of the Charter. She stressed the need for the New Agenda for Peace to focus on women's full, meaningful and effective participation and the meaningful inclusion of youth. She underlined that helping countries build more inclusive societies, based on trust, social cohesion, and human rights, requires a coherent approach, which addresses all drivers of conflict, from the adverse effects of climate change to weak governance and human rights challenges. Highlighting the invaluable contributions of the Commission, she welcomed the expansion of the Commission's geographical and thematic engagements as well as the continued emphasis on inclusive approaches in support of national peacebuilding initiatives. She underscored that the Commission's convening role continues to be instrumental in bringing the UN system and its partners together and facilitating the sharing of experiences across regions.

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Member States saw the New Agenda for Peace as an opportunity to strengthen role of the Commission. Many members expressed their support for the Secretary-General's proposal for expanded roles of the Commission to more geographical and substantive settings, addressing the cross-cutting issues of security, climate change, health, gender equality, development and human rights. Welcoming the Commission's focus on national ownership, they recognized the flexible and voluntary nature of the Commission as its comparative advantage. They also recognized the critical importance of inclusion, especially the participation of women and youth, as a cornerstone of the Commission.

They put forward the following ideas to further strengthen the Commission:

- Strengthen the Commission's advisory and bridging mandate vis-a-vis other UN bodies, including the Security Council, the General Assembly, and the Economic and Social Council;

- Deepen the cooperation and synergies between the Security Council and the Commission, including

 - through requests by the Council to the Commission for more frequent, focused and operational advice of the Commission to the Council especially on mandate renewals and transitions of peace operations from the peacebuilding perspective;

 - enhanced working methods between two bodies including through better alignment of programs of work and closer coordination with penholders; and

 - enhanced role of the Commission to bring situations at risk to attention of the Council, including through informal interactive dialogues

- Acknowledging the universality of peacebuilding and prevention, encourage countries and regions to engage with the Commission, including through innovative formats, to share their experiences and priorities in peacebuilding and prevention;

- Mobilize the membership of the Commission by introducing new ways to share the burden of the work of the Commission.

- Seek to increase the visibility of the Commission and showcase the Commission's impact on the ground;

- Fully utilize the Commission as a pool of knowledge, information and data and a platform for sharing experiences, good practices and lessons learned on peacebuilding to allow for cross-regional learning;

- Fully implement the Commission's gender strategy and action plan on youth, peace and security, including ensuring the perspectives of local actors, especially civil society organizations, are shared in the Commission on a regular basis; and Continue the Commission's effort to bring together a wide range of peacebuilding actors, including regional organizations, international financial institutions, civil society, and private sector, as well as the UN field presence and agencies, funds and programmes.

In addition, Member States made the following recommendations to strengthen the United Nations' overall support prevention and peacebuilding through the New Agenda for Peace.

