

United Nations Peacebuilding Commission
Press Statement on Youth, Peace and Security
New York, 7 June 2023

1. On 7 June 2023, the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) convened its annual meeting on Youth, Peace and Security, with a focus on regional efforts on advancing the Youth, Peace and Security agenda and the linkages between international, regional, national and local efforts on the agenda. The Commission was briefed by the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, the African Union Youth Envoy, the Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the International Political Affairs Sector of the League of Arab States and a representative of the ASEAN Youth Organization, as well as the United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support.

2. In view of this meeting and its continued support of the Youth, Peace and Security agenda, the Commission:
 - underscores the important role of young people as agents of positive change and reiterates the importance of the full, effective and meaningful participation of youth in peacebuilding efforts at all levels;
 - commends the efforts of youth and youth organizations as well as regional and subregional organizations, Member States and civil society organizations to advance the Youth, Peace and Security agenda and encourages the continuation of efforts and strengthened partnerships among global, regional, national and local actors;
 - reiterates the importance of contextualized implementation approach, creating opportunities for the meaningful engagement of youth in peacebuilding as well as developing and implementing regional and national YPS frameworks;
 - recognizes the demographic and geographic diversity within youth cohorts;
 - calls for continued efforts to ensure the protection of youth working on peacebuilding and an enabling and safe environment for their participation, including through the provision of education and capacity-building and creation of employment opportunities;
 - underlines the need for adequate, predictable and sustainable financing for youth-led peacebuilding efforts; and
 - emphasizes the importance of implementation of and follow up on the YPS agenda and related decisions and proposed activities, and advises the Security Council, General