

## Ambassadorial-Level Meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission on Somalia

2 December 2020

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1. On 2 December, the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) convened an Ambassadorial-level meeting on Somalia. The meeting was held on a virtual platform and chaired by H.E. Mr.

to continued cooperation with the Commission to promote peacebuilding in Somalia and the region at large. He informed the Commission that a National Peacebuilding Coordination Unit had been established in the Office of the Prime Minister to help coordinate peacebuilding activities.

4. H.E. Ms. Hanifa Mohamed Ibrahim, Minister of Women and Human Rights Development of the Federal Republic of Somalia, stressed the centrality of implementing the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda as Somalia continued to make progress towards peacebuilding and reconciliation. She emphasized that Somali women were active peacemakers, mediators and negotiators who would be essential in successfully rebuilding peace and security in the country. ~~7KH 6RPDOL :RPHQV & 209 WUHD~~ a vision for women ¶ Equal

was especially urgent as evidence continued to show that the full and meaningful participation of women was imperative to achieve sustainable peace. He further acknowledged that the youth would be the drivers of peace in Somalia, with an estimated 73% of the population under the age of 30 years, and stressed in this regard the need to engage youth in their communities, in confidence-building and reconciliation processes and in building and consolidating peace.

6. Ms. Rowda A. Olad, mental health and peacebuilding practitioner, stressed the need to address the psychosocial effects of conflict on the population and to reflect on these in peacebuilding efforts.

8. Member States and partners welcomed the briefings and made the following observations:

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through direct support to women-led and youth-led initiatives that aim to promote social cohesion, prevent and counter violent extremism and radicalization, and realize livelihood opportunities. They underscored the importance of honoring the 30% quota for women in the upcoming elections.

They welcomed the Federal Government ¶ V F R P P as expressed by Prime Minister Roble to foster coordination with regional and international peacebuilding mechanisms,