

Your Excellencies, Host Authorities, Governors and Distinguished participants,

I wish to thank you for this opportunity to address the Third meeting of the Governors Forum taking place in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Inclusive platforms of exchanges such as this Forum are critical in our common quest to sustain peace across borders.

Mamman Nuhu, on the implementation of the Regional Strategy for the Stabilization, Recovery and Resilience of the Boko Haram Affected Areas of the Lake Chad Basin. The Strategy is anchored within the Territorial Action Plans of the eight Governments present at this Forum today.

As the United Nations Secretary-General just outlined in his report on Our Common Agenda, we cannot over stress the need for integrated approaches that bring together humanitarian, development and peacebuilding actors in regions such as the Lake Chad Basin. This was always true and is even more true in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I want to express the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission's continued support to the much needed collective and coordinated effort by Member States, in particular, Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon and the United States.

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