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coordinated efforts among humanitarian, development and
peacebuilding actors in accordance with their respective responsibilities
and mandates. This was always true and is even more true in the face of
the COVID-19 pandemic. In regions such as the Lake Chad Basin, a
collective and coordinated effort by Member States, international,
regional and sub-regional organizations, international financial
institutions, civil society and, where relevant, the private sector, is
required to fully realize the AU/LCBC strategy for the stabilization,
recovery and resilience of the Boko Haram-affected areas.  As we seek collectively to build stronger and more resilient societies in the
face of environmental challenges and in the wake of the COVID-19
pandemic, our efforts will be jeopardized without adequate, predictable
and sustained financing for peacebuilding, humanitarian and
development efforts respectively. ● This is the time to stand by the side of the governments and people whose
lives and livelihoods could be challenged by climate change and
environmental degradation. We need to support collective action, guided
by ambitious mitigation and adaptation strategies, based on the best
available science, and to promote local resilience, in accordance with
nationally-defined development priorities. ● We must also bear in mind that the conditions that may lead to peace or
conflict are complex by their nature and specific to each situation. Hence,
an in-depth, country- and region-specific understanding of the various
social, economic and cultural variables at play in their unique specificities
is required. The analysis of the root causes of a conflict is a comprehensive
exercise. We must recognize that each individual armed conflict has its
own specific underlying causes and that no “one-size-fits-all” formula
applies when it comes to building and sustaining peace.  The PBC will therefore continue to improve its convening, bridging and
advisory role to sustain international assistance in support of national
peacebuilding priorities.