

**Peacebuilding Commission
Ambassadorial-Level Meeting on Youth**

the issue of youth, peace and security is a not only a concern of the global south and encouraged all countries to share their experiences.

4. Mr. Ramiz Alakbarov, Director of UNFPA's Policy & Strategy Division welcomed the timeliness of the PBC meeting given the imminent release of the first report of the Secretary-General on youth, peace and security, and its presentation to the Security Council in April. He stressed that investing in youth is a necessary condition for sustaining peace and meeting the sustainable development goals. He called for further international action to help reach the full potential of youth, including through increased funding for youth-led peacebuilding efforts. He encouraged the Commission to continue to invite youth representatives to participate in its meetings and to engage youth during its visits. He recommended that the Commission should continue to encourage Member States to develop ~~45~~ through consultative and participatory processes, national frameworks in support of y

7. Ms. Tazhykan Shabdanova, President of the Foundation for Tolerance International in Kyrgyzstan, emphasized the importance of ensuring a safe space for the expression of youth voices. She summarized the work of her Foundation in support of inter-cultural, non-violent communication among young people in Kyrgyzstan. She presented ongoing efforts, with support from the Ministry of Education, PBF and UNDP, and using information technology (participatory video) to tackle causes of marginalization and social divisions. She stressed the importance of capacity building, with a focus on lobbying and advocacy skills, so that young people can meaningfully contribute to the design and execution of local- and national-level solutions to development and social challenges. She encouraged PBC members to

the PBC can continue to play as a political platform that allows regular sharing of experiences and discussion on related progress and challenges.

They encouraged the PBC to partner with relevant regional organizations and international financial institutions to support the engagement of young people in national and regional-level peacebuilding discussions, and to advocate for inclusion of youth perspectives and the creation of opportunities for youth participation in decisionmaking in PBC advice to the Security Council.

The Commission committed to doing more to support the critical peacebuilding role of youth, in line with Security Council resolutions 2250 (2015) and 2419 (2018), and with the recommendations of the Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security, *The Missing Peace*. Follow-up action includes the adoption of an action plan for youth, peace and security and the holding of an annual meeting to discuss the status of its implementation. The Commission reiterated its intention to continue inviting young people to participate in its meetings and engage with youth during its visits.

In his concluding remarks, the Chair thanked the participants for their continuous commitment and