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**Statement**

**by the**

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**on the occasion of his election as Chairman of the  
Peacebuilding Commission**

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Ambassador Momen, outgoing Chairperson of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC),  
Distinguished Ambassador, Vice-Chairperson of the PBC,  
Distinguished Chairpersons of the Country Configurations (CSCs) and Chair of the

Of course, the general framework of our chairmanship and vision behind the PBC are set forth by the founding resolutions and subsequent literature, in particular the reports of the Secretary General on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict of 2009 and 2012 and women participation in peacebuilding, as well as the most useful Review of the UN peacebuilding architecture undertaken in 2010. However, our day to day activities will be guided by the actions agreed upon in the section on *Conclusions and agenda going forward* of the report which we have just adopted and our intention is to proceed in a pragmatic, compressed, step by step approach in order to tackle immediate challenges facing us in 2013.

Let me here briefly touch upon the areas which, in our view, would significantly enhance our collective peacebuilding efforts and which we intend to vigorously pursue during our presidency:

1. First, relationship between the PBC and the UN principal organs. We would all agree that the PBC role and influence, to a great extent, depends on its relationship with its parent organs, namely the Security Council and the General Assembly. We intend to build upon ongoing discussions in that regard with the aim to help the Commission to fully realize its advisory role and vast potential as a central political platform within the United Nations system.

2. Second, through thorough discussions on the Commission's working methods, our primary goal would be to further improve the Commission's impact on the ground, including through, the adoption of terms of references for the activities of the chairs and members of country configurations, developing success criteria for measuring the results on the ground, further improving the process of the periodic reviews of instruments of engagement and field visits, to mention a few of the areas which we will embark upon over the next few weeks. At the same time, we would not neglect broader strategic issues, including defining the role of the membership, communications strategy or internal dynamics of the Commission.

3. Third, following previous valuable efforts in that regard, we'll keep the resource mobilization function of the Commission high on our agenda. In this context, our intention is to entrench old and explore new avenues for partnerships with non-traditional actors, with emphasis on cooperation with and engagement of the private sector and foundations. We will explore the most practical ways to approach and engage these actors. In addition, we will pursue further policy discussions on related themes which would bring forward the cohesion between the political security and development dimensions of peacebuilding. For example by exploring the role of efficient management of natural resources in generating public revenues, and the role of the private sector in the area of responsible investment in this area, we can contribute to building the capacity of target agenda countries and facilitating private sector investment. I expect that in the nearest future I'll be able to share with you, more formally, much more detailed information on both fronts.

4. Fourth, we believe that an important aspect of the Commission's success in the area of resource mobilization is linked to its success in exercising its important role in forging partnerships with and coherence among key peacebuilding actors. Therefore, our intention is to continue to pursue and deep

efforts in the countries on the agenda. It is my intention to continue to explore avenues for better synergy aimed at avoiding duplication of efforts, distraction of attention and imposition on the limited capacity of the countries with which we are engaged. We have to prioritize the efforts to achieve the goals we are trying to achieve over the means at our disposal.

In conclusion, dear colleagues, my first intervention as Chair of the PBC would be incomplete, without explicit mentioning of the important work that the PBSO, headed by