

DARFT PBC Chair's statement (Former Chair)

BRIEFING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL – PBC ANNUAL REPORT

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Mr. President,

I am pleased to be here today on behalf of the members of the Peacebuilding Commission, to present the annual report of the Commission on its ninth session, as contained in document A/70/7146S/2016/115.

We meet during the "Peacebuilding Week," at one of several timely opportunities to discuss next steps in terms of implementing the resolutions on sustaining peace, adopted almost two months ago. I look forward to the informal interactive dialogue with members of the Security Council following this briefing and to the PBC Annual Session tomorrow. The two groundbreaking resolutions emanating from the Review of the Peacebuilding architecture provides an excellent basis and strong impetus for an enhanced role of the Peacebuilding Commission, as well as a strengthened relationship with this august Council.

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interaction with a more diverse group of actors. The drafting of a Gender Strategy for the Peacebuilding Commission was initiated, which will help the Commission to systemize the way it works on gender issues, and to put empowerment of women at the core of the work.

A special session was organized to discuss how to advance the youth, peace and security agenda and champion youth participation for sustainable peace. This is an agenda I hope the PBC can keep on championing, building on the momentum of Security Council resolution 2250.

The convening role of the PBC should be utilized even further, as it is one of the most important tools we have to foster greater coherence in international action, and to help break some of the silos and address fragmentation. This, in turn, is a prerequisite for our ability to support genuine national leadership and ownership in peacebuilding processes.

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Beyond these three topics that I have had a chance to touch upon, there are of course many more achievements that deserve the attention of this body, not least within the country-specific configurations of the commission. 2016 is another important year for the commission, and I am very happy to see how the Commission continues to evolve under the able stewardship of the Kenyan Chairmanship.

Before concluding, I wish to pay tribute to my fellow PBC chairs, as well as the representatives of the countries on our agenda and all the members of the PBC. It has been a productive year for the commission, and the successful steps could not have been done without your active engagement and dedicated support.

In similar vein, I would be remiss if I did not dedicate a special word of thanks to ASG Oscar Fernandez Taranco, and to his entire team at the Peacebuilding Support Office, for the steadfast support throughout the ninth session and their never-ending determination to advance the Peacebuilding agenda at the UN.

I thank you.