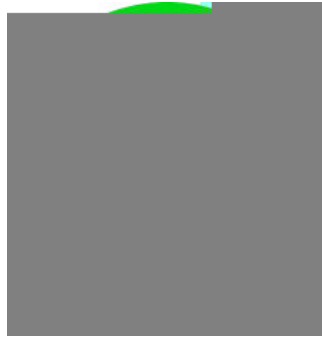


REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



Statement by

**H.E. Ambassador Eugène-Richard GASANA
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Rwanda to
the United Nations**

**On the Occasion of his Election as Chairman of the
Peacebuilding Commission (PBC)**

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- Ambassador Peter WITTIG, outgoing Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC);
- Distinguished Vice-Chairpersons of the Peacebuilding Commission;
- Distinguished Chairpersons of Country Specific Configurations;
- Mrs. Judy Cheng-Hopkins, Assistant Secretary-General Peacebuilding Support Office;
- Distinguished Permanent Representatives of Member States of the Peacebuilding Commission;
- Distinguished Delegates;
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

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The PBC has undeniably transformed our vision of conflict resolution. It is now accepted that peacekeeping and peacebuilding are two sides of

I look forward to discussing with you the recommendations of the review of the international civilian capacity, to be completed in the upcoming weeks, and on the way forward.

Secondly, innovation in resource mobilization. Financing is a crucial element of post-conflict reconstruction. In this regard, the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) plays an important role and we would call for renewed commitments from contributors to the PBF and encourage new contributors to support the work of the PBC. There is however a need to actively explore other innovative ways of mobilizing resources, particularly by engaging the private sector and foundations.

Third, encouraging broader engagement by more post-conflict countries. As proposed by the co-facilitators, a lighter form of engagement with the PBC, on an ad hoc basis, should be considered, in order to attract more potential candidates reluctant to engage in a fully-fledged country specific configuration.

Fourth, coordinated regional and international partnership. Cohesion of the international support for peacebuilding requires greater coherence and coordination between the PBC, through its Country Specific Configurations, various United Nations agencies operating in the field, the World Bank and other international actors. The PBC must play a central role in promoting coherence and partnership, with a view to simplifying international support mechanisms for peacebuilding and making it more effective for the affected populations.

Regional organizations play an increasingly role in resolving conflicts and peacebuilding. For example, the African Union has established, over the past five years, a Policy Framework for Post-conflict Reconstruction and Development (PCRD), which serves as a framework for the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) to carry out its mission of

and the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, and any other consultative mechanism.

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