

**Advice of the Peacebuilding Commission to the Security Council on
Youth, Peace and Security**

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1. Since the adoption of Security Council resolution 2250 (2015), the first ever resolution fully dedicated to the role of youth in peace processes globally, the Peacebuilding Commission has actively sought to increase its engagement in support of young peacebuilders. Its engagement further deepened following resolution 2419 (2018), in which the Security Council recommended that the Peacebuilding Commission includes in its discussions and advice ways to engage youth meaningfully in national peacebuilding and sustaining peace efforts.

2. Recalling the Independent Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security, *The Missing Peace* (March 2018), and recognizing the indispensable role that young people can play in efforts to build and sustain peace, the Commission has engaged a number of youth peacebuilders and representatives from youth-led institutions from around the world through its country-specific and regional visits and discussions, as well as during dedicated meetings on youth, peace and security.

3. Through these engagements, the Commission has heard directly from young people about their peacebuilding work in contexts as diverse as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, The Gambia, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and the Solomon Islands, and experienced first-hand the resourcefulness and resilience of young people in the face of conflict and violence. The PBC is encouraged by these examples of positive contributions of young women and men in promoting peaceful and prosperous societies, building effective and accountable institutions, and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

4. Based on these engagements, the Commission would like to bring the following observations and advice to the attention of the Security Council:

- x Young people have the right to participate in and make constructive contributions to decisions that affect them now and will affect them in the future. Youth participation in political and decision-making

in parliaments, in conflict-affected countries,