

**Remarks of the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission  
High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation  
1 June 2021**

Madam President, Excellencies,

1. It is my pleasure to address the 20th session of the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation, in my capacity as the Chair of the UN Peacebuilding Commission, and allow me first to congratulate you Madam President, Ambassador María del Carmen Squeff, Permanent Representative of Argentina, as Chair of the Committee, as well as all the other members of the Bureau for your election to lead the Committee.

2. From the outset of the pandemic, the Commission adjusted its program of work and served as a platform in support of urgent national, regional and global responses to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on development and peacebuilding and build back better in countries under its consideration.

3. In its advisory, bridging and convening roles and commitment to share lessons learned to improve outcomes, the PBC has been, since its founding, guided by national ownership in peacebuilding, sharing of expertise to build capacities and pooling of resources and solutions, which are also the South-  
objectives. As evidenced at PBC meetings on the Impact of COVID-19 on Peacebuilding efforts as well as the annual PBC-ECOSOC mynys as the atm2.00000912 0 612 792 reW\*nBTF2 12 Tf1 0 0 1 398.35 2

Ambassadorial-level meeting on SSTC for Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace and also

financing proposals, including those set out by the Secretary-General in his 2018 Report, in order to ensure predictability and sustainability of peacebuilding funding.

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