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**Statement by the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission**

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civil society organizations. The purpose of this important event will be to discuss ways of mobilizing deeper commitments and partnerships in support of efforts to build and sustain

- c. As underscored by the situation in Sudan and the experience of UNAMID, it is crucial to tackle root causes of conflict, and peacebuilding efforts in this respect should not wait until mission withdrawal begins.
4. Madam Vice-President, while these lessons pertain to the relations between PBC and Security Council, I see the bridging role of the PBC is about that: sharing an advice on peacebuilding priorities and enhance coherence among principal organs. I wish to encourage the seven Members elected from ECOSOC in the PBC to play a leading role in fostering a closer cooperation between our two bodies. You can count of Romania, as one of these seven Members, to do its part.
5. Finally, Madam Vice-President, I want to stress the importance of the gender dimension of peacebuilding. The PBC has always taken into high consideration the gender dimension of peacebuilding, including by adopting, in 2016, its internal gender strategy which we use to guide our engagement. I would also like to note that the Peacebuilding Fund has exceeded its own initial target of allocating 15% of its funds to gender focused programs.

In conclusion, Madam Vice-President, I want to reaffirm the willingness of the PBC to continue its collaboration with ECOSOC with a view to discuss ways to support conflict-affected countries and enhance coherence in the United Nations system.

Thank you.