

United Nations Security Council Ministerial Open Debate on Transitions

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Mr. President,

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regional and national actors, are important tools in transition phases. In this regard, recognizing the important role of women in transition settings, and in implementing its gender strategy, the Commission held dedicated discussions on the gender aspects of transitions.

Peacekeeping operations continue to be an important instrument to assist host countries to develop critical peacebuilding capacities. They not only enable the work of other peacebuilding actors through their security presence, but also provide political focus on peacebuilding goals and undertake peacebuilding tasks that help address root causes of conflict. The launch of the A4P three years ago aimed, inter alia, to enhance the contribution and impact of peacekeeping to peacebuilding and sustaining peace. The emphasis that A4P+ places on working closely with international partners is a positive development.

Strong partnerships and appropriate financing mechanisms are key to ensure smooth transitions and avoid relapses into conflict. In this regard, the Commission welcomes the progress and further opportunities for the UN-World Bank collaboration in peacebuilding, including taking into account the release of the Fragility, Conflict and Violence strategy of the Bank and the IDA 2020 replenishment, and encourage the two organizations to continue to work together in joint programming and peacebuilding assessments in support of nationally-defined peacebuilding and development priorities, in accordance with the commitments and terminology agreed upon by Member States at multilateral discussions.

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