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Il ne fait aucun doute que les femmes jouent un rôle moteur dans la consolidation de la paix et dans la prévention et le règlement des conflits, et que leur participation est essentielle.

Il faut accroître la représentation des femmes, et ce, non pas de façon purement symbolique, mais systématiquement et effectivement. Les femmes doivent occuper des postes de décision à tous les niveaux dans les institutions et mécanismes nationaux, régionaux et internationaux de prévention et de règlement des conflits.

Mr. President, Excellencies,

Fourth and finally, the report shows that failure to make progress on financing peacebuilding will undermine our other efforts to save lives, stabilize countries in crisis, alleviate suffering and protect the vulnerable.

We are witnessing unnecessary human suffering on a scale that is hard to comprehend.

In the past ten years, the international community spent \$233 billion on humanitarian response, peacekeeping and hosting refugees.

And if the financial cost is unsustainable, the human cost is unbearable.

Instead of responding to crises, we need to invest far more in prevention.

Prevention works, saves lives and is cost-effective. Our recent study with the World Bank estimates that better funded, more focused preventive action could have saved between \$5 billion and \$70 billion per year for the affected country and the international community combined.

The Peacebuilding Fund is a critical tool in our efforts to achieve this.

It is nimble and can respond quickly when crises loom. It has a catalytic effect and can unlock funding from other sources. It provides resources for projects that are too risky for others to invest in. Many of its programmes support women and young people.

And the Peacebuilding Fund has a proven track record of supporting national partners; helping transitions to peace and stability; building coherence by spreading resources through more than 25 UN agencies and partners, including governments; and aligning its goals with international financial institutions and others.

I urge all those with the power to do so,

In addition to these sources, we are exploring the possibility of innovative financing solutions. These might include contributions by individuals, foundations and faith-based organizations, corporate partnerships, web-based mechanisms and crowdfunding.

Let me repeat: these proposals should be seen firmly in the context of peace and security, and should not impact on funds for sustainable development in any way.

The Peacebuilding Fund is complementary to other financing streams and provides support directly to UN Country Teams, governments and regional organizations that are making a difference on the ground.

I hope you will give the proposals contained in the report serious consideration, particularly at the High-Level Meeting in April.

I urge you to focus not only on the event itself, but on meaningful ways to follow up on the decisions that are taken.

Mesdames et Messieurs,

We must do more to address the imbalance between spending on conflict, and spending on peace.

We must rally Member States, the General Assembly, the Security Council, regional organizations and all partners for our efforts across the peace continuum –