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Secretary-General's Message to High-Level Meeting on a New Approach to Peacebuilding [Delivered by Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding]

I send my greetings to the International Peace Institute and all gathered for this timely event. I thank Ambassador Skoog of Sweden for his exemplary leadership as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission.

We are living through a period of multiple crises that are stretching our responses to the limits.

As we respond to immediate crisis, we need to do more to address the root causes of conflict and build the long-term foundations of peace.

Predictable, sustained support to breaking out of the vicious cycle of crisis and response is essential. But too often we fall short, as attention passes to the next emergency.

If we do not act urgently to prevent lapse and relapse into violence, we will condemn the peoples of