

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

Intervention by Ambassador Nagaraj Naidu Deputy Permanent Representative

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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

2. At the outset, let me wish you, the Peacebuilding Support Office and all the other delegations gathered here a very successful year. We welcome the adoption of the 13th annual report of the Peacebuilding Commission.

3. I take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to Ambassador Guillermo Fernández de Soto for his exceptional work as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission for 2019. We would also like to recognise the leadership and experience brought to the Peacebuilding Commission by Ambassador Mohamed Fathi Ahmed Edrees and Ambassador Ion Jinga.

4. I would like to join others in congratulating the new Chairperson of the Commission, Ambassador Marc-André Blanchard, Permanent Representative of Canada, who has vast experience in the Commission's work, having served as the Chair of Sierra Leone configuration.

5. I would also like to congratulate the new Vice-Chairs, the Permanent Representatives of Colombia and Japan, as well as the Chairs of country-specific configurations, for assumption of their responsibilities.

Mr. Chairman,

6. In the face of global challenges and risks, we can choose to manage our global affairs in a manner that lends itself to greater peace, fairness, and equal opportunities for all nations and their citizens, or allow our global governance structures and mechanisms to decay further and fail to match the scale and complexity of present day challenges and threats. In today's interdependent world, global governance must be collaborative or networked.

7. 2020 is a particularly important year for the Peacebuilding Commission as we have begun the task of reviewing the work of the Commission. We hope that

the review will result in further strengthening of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture and make it more responsive to the immediate and long-term needs of countries recovering from armed conflicts.

8. We look forward to working with all partners in playing a constructive role in pursuing the objectives of achieving peace and prosperity for all.

9. India believes that development through collaboration and partnership is needed to support peacebuilding. India has unique experience of nation-building in a large, complex and diverse setting. We continuously strive to share our own development related experiences with others to create multifaceted capacities. We are happy to continue our bilateral and multilateral support for nation building initiatives.

Mr. Chairman,

10. In conclusion, I would like to stress the need for ensuring that the work we do here helps the countries in the process of transition from conflict to peacebuilding, consolidation and institutional building.

Thank You!