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Letter dated 8 March 2022 from the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with the mandate of the Peacebuilding Commission, as articulated in General Assembly resolutions [60/180](#), [70/262](#) and [75/201](#), and Security Council resolutions [1645 \(2005\)](#), [2282 \(2016\)](#) and [2558 \(2020\)](#), I wish to share with the Council the provisional programme of work of the Commission for 2022. In order to ensure the effective implementation of the programme of work, including by enhancing the predictability of the Commission's calendar and ensuring that the Council receives timely advice in respect of its resolution [2594 \(2021\)](#), and with a view to providing advice, at the request of the Council, to complement the content of reports of the Secretary-General, the Commission would appreciate receiving, throughout the year, the advanced unedited versions of the reports of the Secretary-General to the Council on the following topics considered by the Commission:

- The Central African Republic
- The situation in Mali
- The activities of the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel
- The United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia
- The situation in South Sudan
- The United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- The situation in Central Africa and the activities of the United Nations Regional Office for Central Africa
- The Joint Force of the Group of Five for the Sahel
- The implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region
- The promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa
- Strengthening the partnership between the United Nations and the African Union on issues of peace and security in Africa, including on the work of the United Nations Office to the African Union
- Women and peace and security
- Youth, peace and security



I look forward to continuing our collaboration to further strengthen the advisory role of the Peacebuilding Commission.

(*Signed*) Rabab **Fatima**
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Provisional programme of work of the Peacebuilding Commission for 2022

1. The present programme of work was prepared pursuant to recommendation 4.I of the annex to the report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its fifteenth session (A/76/678-S/2022/89), in accordance with which, the Commission is to adopt an annual workplan based on the forward agenda contained in the Commission's annual report and reflecting the Commission's country-specific, regional and thematic priorities. The aim of the programme of work is to ensure the effective implementation of the Commission's mandate, as articulated in General Assembly resolutions 60/180, 70/262 and 75/201, and Security Council resolutions 1645 (2005), 2282 (2016) and 2558 (2020). It was prepared following an informal ambassadorial-level meeting of the Commission on 4 February 2022 at which representatives of the countries and regions engaging with the Commission discussed the priorities for 2022.

2. In 2022, the Commission will build on good practices and lessons learned for its future activities. Its work will be guided by feedback and requests from the countries that seek the Commission's support. It will also consider recommendations contained in the Secretary-General's report on Our Common Agenda pertaining to the requests received from the countries and regions engaging with the Commission.

3. The Commission will adopt a demand-driven approach, which requires continuous consultations with the countries that are considering sharing their peacebuilding experiences. In 2022, consultations on planned or possible engagements are ongoing in at least 12 countries: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone, South Sudan and Timor-Leste. The main topics will range from mobilization of political, financial and technical support for context-specific peacebuilding priorities to the sharing of results and lessons learned from peacebuilding trajectories. Consultations are also ongoing to follow up on previous commitments made in support of regional peacebuilding activities, including in the Great Lakes region, the Gulf of Guinea, the Lake Chad basin, the Sahel and the Pacific islands. All of these and other possible engagements will take into account and contribute to the principles and commitments described below.

Focus on national ownership and inclusivity

4. In pursuing country, regional and cross-cutting engagements in accordance with its mandate and on the basis of national ownership, the Commission will place major emphasis on delivering results and meeting the needs of the countries seeking its support. The peacebuilding challenges observed in various parts of the world risk reversing the gains that the Commission has been supporting for years. The situation requires the recalibration of action and more effective support, as well as account to be taken of the devastating impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Guided by action-oriented analysis, the Commission will ensure the active engagement of all its members in support of countries under its consideration. A continuous focus on results will be key to expanding the Commission's work to more settings. The Commission encourages countries eligible for the Peacebuilding Fund's Peacebuilding Recovery Facility to share their peacebuilding experiences and the results achieved with the support of the Fund.

5. The Commission will continue to support inclusive approaches to national peacebuilding initiatives and peace processes at the request of the governments concerned and on the basis of national ownership, including by offering its platform to civil society and private sector representatives and by empowering women and young peacebuilders.

Attention to United Nations coherence

6. The Commission will continue to promote integrated, strategic and coherent approaches to peacebuilding and notes that security, development and human rights are closely interlinked and mutually reinforcing. The Commission, in line with its mandate, will continue to bring all relevant parts of the United Nations system together, including agencies, funds and programmes, with a focus on its representatives in the field, who are leading United Nations efforts to support national peacebuilding priorities, address conflict risks and enhance the capacity of national institutions.

7. In order to ensure that it is kept informed of the activities of the Peacebuilding Fund, the Commission will continue to place emphasis on synergy with the Fund and to engage on a regular basis with the Peacebuilding Support Office of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, members of the Peacebuilding Fund Advisory Group and the countries that engage with the Fund.

8. The Commission will leverage the positive achievements of peacekeepers where there are peacekeeping missions and will support the implementation of the peacebuilding dimensions of peacekeeping.

Effective partnerships

9. In consultation with the countries concerned, the Commission will pursue more effective partnerships with regional organizations and international financial institutions, focusing on coherent support for conflict-affected countries on the basis of shared analysis. In doing so, it will build on suggestions made during previous consultative meetings with the African Union Peace and Security Council. The Commission will organize the annual meeting with the African Union Peace and Security Council and promote cooperation with other regional and subregional organizations, as appropriate.

10. The Commission will continue to pursue opportunities for stronger engagement with international financial institutions and regional financial institutions, including through visits to their headquarters and regular engagement with international financial institutions in the Commission's discussions and in the preparation of meetings. It will also continue to support a strengthened United Nations partnership with the World Bank, including by building on successful initiatives supported by the Humanitarian-Development-Peacebuilding and Partnership Facility.

11. The Commission will offer its platform for the promotion of South-South and triangular cooperation in support of peacebuilding and sustainable peace.

Advocacy for peacebuilding financing

12. The Commission will continue to advocate adequate, predictable and sustained financing for peacebuilding. The Commission will thus submit its input on peacebuilding financing to the General Assembly and will seek an action-oriented outcome. The Commission will also explore ways in which to encourage flexible funding for local peacebuilding organizations, including those led by women and young people, and will continue to develop approaches to foster innovative financing for peacebuilding.

Enhanced bridging and advisory role

13. The Commission will continue to improve the quality and timeliness of its submissions and briefings to other intergovernmental bodies and peacebuilding forums, including the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council. The appointment of informal coordinators will facilitate these efforts, including by better aligning the Commission's programme of work with those of the General Assembly and the Security Council, as appropriate, and by strengthening the Commission's bridging role.

14. The General Assembly, in its resolution [75/327](#), took note of the importance of the Commission's advice on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa. The Commission will maintain that practice, which it is encouraged to do in that resolution.

15. The Commission will convene informal interactive dialogues with the Security Council, will submit advice to the Council, at its request and as appropriate, and will take action in response to resolution [2594 \(2021\)](#), in which the Council strongly encourages the Commission to facilitate the development of joint objectives and priorities prior to transitions and, in this connection, requests the Secretary-General to liaise with the Commission in advance of relevant reporting to the Council, with a view to facilitating the provision of complementary and timely advice from the Commission to the Council.

16. The Commission will convene joint events with the Economic and Social Council and will further enhance informal cooperation with the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, as well as with the executive boards of the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes in the areas of peacebuilding and development.

Emphasis on accountability

17. The Commission will keep track of its results and good practices and improve its external communication of these results. It welcomes the compilation by the Peacebuilding Support Office of factual and verified analysis in the Commission's annual reports and encourages the continuation of this practice.

18. In its meetings, the Commission will mainstream the women and peace and security agenda and the youth, peace and security agenda, while remaining focused on its 2016 gender strategy and its 2021 gender action plan. The Commission also requests the Peacebuilding Support Office to continue providing annual updates on the implementation of the gender strategy, the gender action plan and the action plan on youth and peacebuilding.

19. In implementing the programme of work for 2022, the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission and the Chairs of country-specific configurations will meet regularly to share updates and discuss challenges requiring collective action, with a view to further strengthening coherence within a unified Peacebuilding Commission.