

Peacebuilding Commission

Ambassadorial-level meeting on Peacebuilding in Honduras

26 June 2023

On 26 June 2023, the Peacebuilding Commission convened an Ambassadorial-level meeting on peacebuilding in Honduras. At its first engagement with the Commission, the Government of Honduras highlighted their experiences and challenges in establishing sustainable peace through electoral processes and institution-building. Representatives from the United Nations, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and civil society briefed on their initiatives on gender

peaceful elections of 2021 as a sign that the Honduran people want change for a society where social and human rights agendas as well as economic development and public investments are central. She advised that such change would require effective, strong dialogue and reconciliation across different political forces, particularly following the 2009 coup d'état and that a new social contract is needed. While commending the government's commitment to gender equality and advancing sexual and reproductive rights she recognized that femicides rates are very high and that conservative social norms and movements make a very difficult environment to advance on key legislation. She highlighted the triple nexus

international mechanism against corruption and impunity. She encouraged Honduras to remain engaged with the PBC.

- Recommend that a follow up meeting is convened in Honduras around the collaboration of the Government with civil society around civic space and a common agenda for the country.
- Support the Government in establishing a consultative mechanism with civil society organizations to advance the gender equality agenda.
- Encourage the UN system and Government to