

Ambassadorial-Level Meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission

2020 Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture: *Effective Support in UN Transition Contexts*

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1. On 20 February, H.E. Mr. Marc-André Blanchard chaired an ambassadorial-level meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) on the 2020 review of the Peacebuilding architecture titled 'effective support in UN transition contexts.' The purpose of the meeting was to inform the formal phase of the 2020 review and provide input for the 2020 report of the Secretary-General on peacebuilding and sustaining peace. In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the 2020 review, the meeting was open to all UN Member States. The meeting offered an overview of UN

owned processes. She underscored that transitions presented an opportunity to accompany national efforts to strengthen social fabric and create socio-economic opportunities to address the root causes of crisis and vulnerabilities. The DSG informed the Commission about a number of efforts underway in support of this objective: i) UN reforms that were now well-advanced

joint UN transitions project in this regard. They highlighted the UN's coordinating role and the importance of building capacity within the UN system, for which existing structures could be relied on.

- They reiterated that the UN reforms had prepared the system to better to deliver results in terms of peacebuilding and sustaining peace, including with stronger UN country teams, reinforced by Peace and Development Advisers and with the Peacebuilding Support Office being integrated in DPPA. They recommended taking a critical look into UN country team capacities and equipping them to respond to transition-related risks. They also encouraged better integration of UN country team actors into analysis and planning for transitions. Noting that transitions were inherently political processes, some Member States highlighted the Commission's role in accompanying the work of UN Resident Coordinators in support of national peacebuilding strategies during transitions.
- They stressed the importance of strengthening the Commission's advisory role to the Security Council, with emphasis on early warning, prevention and addressing root causes of instability and conflict. They noted that the Commission could play a critical role in ensuring forward-looking integrated planning and in furthering a well-coordinated cross-pillar approach during transitions.
- They underscored that peacebuilding was multi-stakeholder by nature and that the Commission was well-placed to advance complementarity and coherence among actors. They underscored the importance of strengthening cooperation with International Financial Institutions, regional and sub-regional organisations,

to fund priorities during drawdowns. Some Member States called for the inclusion of innovative suggestions on financing in the Secretary-General's report