



The President of the Security Council, H.E Fumio Kishida

The UN Secretary General, H.E Ban Ki Moon

The AU Commissioner for Peace and Security, H.E Small Chergui

Distinguished members of the Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Mr, President,

I thank you for the opportunity to participate in this important debate on peacebuilding in Africa. I congratulate you Mr. President on your assumption of the Presidency of this Council for July and commend you for the manner you have conducted its affairs. I also thank you for providing the concept note to guide the debate.

Let me also thank the Secretary General for his comprehensive briefing.

Kenya is honored to participate in this debate, taking place just before the 6<sup>th</sup> Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) which will be held in Nairobi on 27-30 July. Kenya commends the Council for its leadership and its reliable partnership with Africa in



Fund by the AU Summit in Kigali, Rwanda in July 2016, reaffirms this commitment.

Second, African countries have revitalized their regional economic integration initiatives in order to ensure sustained peace and shared prosperity. Today, its regional economic communities including COMESA, ECOWAS, ECCAS, SADC, MAGREB and the EAC are determined to sustain peace through trade and economic partnerships.

Third, Institutionalized strategic partnerships were sought with the UN and its various agencies in all areas of peace and security based on consultative decision making, division of labour, and burden and responsibility sharing. These relationships have evolved from ad-hoc consultations to systematic, principled and predictable arrangements through the setting up of the UN Office to the AU (UNOAU) and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, both of which remain positive work in progress.

Mr President,

The challenge of achieving effective peacebuilding has become the main preoccupation for policy makers in Africa and beyond. The evolving nature of conflicts in Africa and elsewhere necessitated the institutionalization of peacebuilding through the establishment of the PBC in 2005.

The PBC brings together various actors, both national and international, to ensure that countries affected by conflict do not lapse or relapse into conflict. The essence remains that of building effective partnerships for sustaining peace.

True partnerships actually starts at the community level,

of reacting to outbreaks of violence is







The divide between Peacebuilding, humanitarian assistance and development, needs