



The meeting was called to order at 10.10 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

12. The Commission also continued to develop its relationship with the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. It had contributed to several of the Secretary-General's reports and continued to engage in policy discussions on the role and activities of the Peacebuilding Fund. The Peacebuilding Support Office had demonstrated dedication and professionalism despite enormous capacity challenges and high staff turnover. Indeed, peacebuilding was evolving as a key feature of the role of the United Nations in post-conflict countries.

13. *Mr. Gasana (Rwanda) took the Chair.*

Statement by the incoming Chairperson

14. **The Chairperson** said that he would work to take forward the recommendations of the review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture as required by General Assembly resolution 65/7 and Security Council resolution 1947 (2010). Peacemaking and peacebuilding were increasingly being recognized as two sides of the same coin.

15. His main priority would be national ownership, which was the key to effective peacebuilding. All political forces, civil society institutions and, most importantly women, needed to be involved in post-conflict reconstruction efforts. He would also focus on innovation in resource mobilization, encourage broader engagement by more post-conflict countries, and ensure the coordination of regional and international partnerships on the ground. The Commission should play a central role in streamlining international support mechanisms for peacekeeping by promoting coherence among the country-specific configurations, various United Nations agencies, the World Bank and other international actors. Regional organizations such as the African Union, and the regional economic communities were also playing increasing roles in conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

16. His other priorities would include raising the Commission's profile through the appointment of goodwill ambassadors; ensuring that the Commission had more regular consultations with the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council; and ensuring that best practices were better reflected. Indeed, the Commission's role would be to provide broad guidance to the Working Group on Lessons Learned to permit it to focus on specific,

relevant topics. Achieving that vision would require enhancing the role of the Peacebuilding Support Office, improving its cooperation with the Commission and reviewing its administrative structure to ensure that it had adequate permanent posts to discharge its mission.

17. Coming from a country that had experienced one of the worst conflicts of the previous century, he knew that both national resolve and international support were necessary for a post-conflict State to make progress towards reconciliation, reconstruction and development. He would dedicate his tenure to ensuring that the Peacebuilding Commission lived up to the hopes that had been placed in it.

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37. **The Chairperson** recalled that the representatives