

Mr. President,

I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission to report progress in support of women, peace and security and women in peacebuilding, and to make suggestions for collective follow up effort.

It is encouraging that, since the last open debate of the Security Council on women, peace and security a year ago, a growing number of Member States have taken positive steps towards the objectives of the agenda, while at the same time the work of women led, and women focused organizations has continued to inspire us. However, implementation gaps persist, and women continue to be disproportionately affected from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic .During the Ambassadorial-level meeting of the PBC that took place on 13 October under the theme *Enhancing the Leading Role of Women in Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace Efforts*, PBC members encouraged the United Nations to adopt further measures to ensure that the number of women delegates in peace processes led or co-led by the United Nations (currently at 23 per cent as reported in S/2021/827) increases in the future. The Commission has been taking action to help address this and other related gaps, including by encouraging countries that engage with the Commission to adopt national action plans on women, peace and security.

Guided by a gender strategy adopted in 2016 and reviewed in 2020, and its associated action plan that was approved in February 2021, the PBC has been working to ensure progress in all areas of work specified in the approved [action plan](#). A recent stock taking exercise revealed that, w

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participation of women in socioeconomic development.

In the last 12 months, the PBC has also held dedicated meetings to discuss various peacebuilding issues that affect women peacebuilders across different region and country specific contexts, including in the Great Lakes and Liberia. These led to more substantive discussions and recommendations by the PBC and strengthened support for the overall peacebuilding priorities identified by the countries it engages with, including on women peace and security. Examples include expressing support for the implementation of the second Liberia National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security for 2019-2023 and the National Roadmap on Rape and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV); and encouraging the Government of Somalia to consolidate gains in gender equality and women empowerment, building on the different thematic area commitments

Consistent with its commitment to amplify the voices of women peacebuilders who brief the PBC and to support their efforts, the Commission would like to bring to the attention of the Security Council the following recommendations which also take into account suggestions made by women peacebuilders who have engaged with the Commission:

Encourage the United Nations Secretariat to ensure that relevant reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council include analysis, including verified and reliable data and recommendations, for the implementation of the women, peace and security agenda. Individual members of the Council could have a priority role to play in strengthening gender analysis in substantive discussions and outcome documents of the Council, as appropriate.

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Support the peace outreach activities, including in the Sahel region, which have recently been further complicated due to challenges related to climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Promote dedicated funding for efforts by women peacebuilders and women-led organizations and other efforts aimed at promoting the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in peacebuilding. This is particularly important in view of the high-level General Assembly meeting on financing for peacebuilding next year.

Related to this recommendation, the Commission welcomes the fact that the <sup>ently</sup> allocated a total of \$19.2 million to promote meaningful participation of women and youth in peacebuilding. The Commission encourages the PBF to sustain this effort and exchange best practices with other UN funds.

Finally, the PBC pledges its full support to the efforts of the Security Council in support of the women, peace and 9(a)d women