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Excellencies and distinguished colleagues,

Ambassador Ranko Vilotić, Chairperson elect of the PBC,

Ms. Judy Cheng Hopkins, Assistant Secretary General for Peacebuilding Support,

We have come to the end of the sixth session of the Peacebuilding Commission.

A year ago, this Committee entrusted me with the responsibility to lead the Commission's continuing efforts of institutional consolidation and building collaboration aimed at enhancing its relevance, value added and impact.

We are pleased to let you know that we have developed better rapport with the UN Security Council and our interactive dialogue with the Council was very helpful. We continued our dialogue and discussion with the World Bank and the and

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Excellencies and distinguished delegates,

We have just adopted a report on the Commission's work this year. The report, in its new format and orientation, not only testifies to the continuing learning process that the Commission is undergoing, it also confirms that the Commission is capable of adapting to lessons learned. There continues to be one objective in mind, namely to respond to the needs and expectations of the countries on the agenda.

In 2012, the Commission has yet again embarked on an ambitious work program across its various configurations. I had the privilege to work with dedicated colleagues in the Chairs' Group to ensure that our individual efforts are guided by the Commission's continuing commitment to take forward relevant recommendations from the 2010 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture. The Roadmap of Actions in 2012 has served as the basis for such efforts.

To this end, 2012 was a year when the question of the collective responsibility and commitment of the membership has taken centre stage. I must say that while we collectively managed to instill some sense of urgency to this topic, the task of translating such commitment into concrete actions and contributions remains unfulfilled. I take pride in the fact that the Committee has decided to prioritize this topic in the Commission's forward agenda for 2013.

In this connection, I sensed the urgent need for reinvigorating the commitment to "peacebuilding" at the highest political level in our governments and also look forward to exploring ways and criteria of graduation from the Commission.

As noted in the 2010 Review the lack of strong political support from capitals is affecting the PBC's potential to make a tangible impact in the field.

To this end, the High Level Event on “Peacebuilding: The way towards sustainable peace and security”, which was presided over by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh in September 2012, brought together, for the first time, a number of Heads of State and Government, Ministers and senior officials from among the Commission’s

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Let us recommit ourselves to put the needs and aspirations of the people in the countries on the PBC agenda on top of our priority list for 2013 and