

The work of PBC and its configurations continues to work in this vein and we continue to be thankful for the support and acknowledgement we receive from the Council in this regard.

Mr President,

This debate comes at a crucial moment. As you Mr. President pointed out in your concept note, the reviews of the peacebuilding architecture under consideration in the United Nations Security Council and the General Assembly call upon member states to see peacebuilding in a broader perspective and to face it with greater determination.

The review of the peacebuilding architecture is currently at its final stages and the United Nations is being called to re-examine its entire approach to peacebuilding in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that we all adopted in 2015, while remaining true to the Principles espoused in the UN Charter. I will highlight some of salient elements of the report of the Advisory Group of Experts (AGE) on the 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture, which I believe deserve the particular attention of this Council and the wider Membership.

First, the AGE report, reiterates the need for a comprehensive approach to conflict prevention and sustainable peace. In my understanding, the report is not introducing a new concept but merely restating what we all know needs to be done to achieve lasting peace; the main purpose for which the United Nations was created. Its key message is a lesson we have all learned over the years; that investments in prevention of the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of conflict are considerably less expensive and sustainable than merely reacting to crises.

Secondly, the current review comes at a time when there have been increasing calls pressing the need to a growing unanimity on the importance of building coherence in our collective

efforts across the Peace and security, development and human rights

Mr President,

The importance of enhanced partnerships with regional and sub-regional organizations, as well as with international financial institutions in building peace need not be overemphasized. The Af

Comprehensive Policy Review present a good opportunity to deepen this relationship.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, I am fully aware of the high expectations for a more effective Peacebuilding Commission. The Peacebuilding Commission will work to leverage the collective weight of its membership, particularly the members of the Security Council and to bring together partners, regional organizations, UN system actors, academia and civil society and non-