

7. The UNDP Multi-donor Trust Fund Office will continue to serve as the Peacebuilding Fund's administrative agent, with primary responsibility for maintaining the Fund's accounts. The Peacebuilding Fund willFun b

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Terms of reference for the Peacebuilding Fund

1. General considerations and principles

1.1. The General Assembly and the Security Council requested the Secretary-

(b) Countries with an operational multi-donor trust fund but in which critical peacebuilding interventions remain underfunded or in which the need for such interventions arises unexpectedly.

3. Allocation and disbursement process

3.1. In principle, any country before the Peacebuilding Commission should be considered a possible recipient of Peacebuilding Fund support. The Commission would advise the Secretary-General that the country under consideration should be considered eligible for funding, which will then formally trigger the allocation and disbursement process. The Commission is expected to make this determination early on in its deliberations to ensure that support through the Fund can be provided in a timely manner. The Commission will be provided with regular updates and have the opportunity to provide, at the initial stage of priority plan formulation, strategic advice o

authorities and the United Nations presence in the country concerned. For countries included in the agenda of the Peacebuilding Commission, the priority plan will be informed by the priority-setting exercise and/or the integrated peacebuilding strategy agreed between the Commission and the national authorities of the country concerned.

3.4. The priority plan is developed by national authorities and the United Nations in a country based on a joint analysis of critical gaps and peacebuilding needs. It contains an indicative number of critical interventions required to strengthen and sustain the peacebuilding process. In countries where a post-conflict needs assessment is ongoing or has been completed and/or a national peace consolidation or recovery framework is in place, attention will be focused on ensuring that these elements inform the development of the priority plan, or feed into the priority-setting exercise in countries included in the agenda of the Commission. The priority plan will propose interventions and provide corresponding indicative budget estimates. It may also indicate, where available, tentative funding requirements beyond the immediate scope of the Peacebuilding Fund. For countries included in

evaluations and lessons-learned exercises so as to rapidly build up a body of knowledge and best practices relating to the utilization of the Fund.

6.4. The Peacebuilding Support Office shall also provide regular briefings to Member States and donors on the performance of the Peacebuilding Fund based on the progress reports and evaluations referred to in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.3 above. An annual Peacebuilding Fund meeting will be convened to provide all stakeholders with the opportunity to review Fund progress and emerging lessons.

6.5. The Peacebuilding Fund will be subject solely to the external and internal audit procedures of the United Nations.

7. Contributions to the Peacebuilding Fund

7.1. The current funding target of the Peacebuilding Fund of \$250 million should be increased in response to evolving needs and activities of the Fund. Voluntary contributions to the Fund, to be received at the global level, will be accepted from States Members of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations and other sources, including the private sector.

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