

At the Joint Debate on the Report of the Peacebuilding Commission

Mr. President,
Distinguished Delegates

First of all, on behalf of the members of the Peacebuilding Commission, allow me to express our heartfelt gratitude to you, Mr. President, for providing a timely opportunity to discuss the annual report of the Peacebuilding Commission.

Document further states that the Commission was established "to bring together all relevant actors to marshal resources and to advise on and propose integrated strategies for post-conflict peacebuilding and recovery".

With that in mind, let me briefly look back on the first year of the work of the Commission. The first annual report of the Peacebuilding Commission, as contained in documents A/62/127 and

In the course of approximately 50 formal and informal meetings and briefings held in its various

The Commission's first annual report is a serious reflection on key outstanding issues and challenges

(VII. President)

The UN peacebuilding architecture is now in place and the DDC is entering its second year of activity. Its activities need to be carried out in a coherent manner. We believe that it may be

UN's principal organs, namely the General Assembly, the Security Council, the ECOSOC and the

is essential. As part of such efforts, I myself, as Chairman of the Commission, will make constant

Exploring thematic issues relevant to peacebuilding is also a matter of great importance. I am particularly convinced that discussing broad policy guidance on peacebuilding activities in general

the Commission and the countries under its consideration. In this regard, we intend to make every

individual Member States to join our efforts to promote the work of the Commission.

As Chairman of the Commission, I would like to secure all members of the General Assembly of our full dedication and commitment to the success of the Commission. In that spirit, we request all

I would like to add just a few words in my capacity as Permanent Representative of Japan.

Japan has provided strong active support for the DDC and it coordinates its activities with those of the Commission. Recently, it sent high-level missions to Burundi and Sierra Leone headed by their Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Hamada for the purpose of enhancing the peacebuilding process in those two countries and a report on his visit to Sierra Leone was compiled for the Commission's forthcoming discussion. We share the view of the Commission in its annual report with regard to the critical priority areas and we have accordingly provided them with development assistance in

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