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Letter dated 1 May 2023 from the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission addressed to the President of the Security Council

I thank you for inviting the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission to submit written advice, under rule 39 of the Security Council's provisional rules of procedure, in connection with the open debate on the theme "Futureproofing trust for sustaining peace", scheduled for Wednesday, 3 May 2023 (see annex).

I kindly ask you to bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council and to have it issued as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Ivan **Šimonović** Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission





Annex

Peacebuilding Commission advice to the Security Council in connection with the open debate on the theme "Futureproofing trust for sustaining peace", 3 May 2023

On the basis of its country-specific, regional and cross-cutting work and its gender strategy and youth strategic action plan, and building on best practices shared by countries under its consideration, the Peacebuilding Commission encourages the Security Council to consider doing the following:

1. Continuing to underscore the imperative of addressing the root causes of conflicts with a view to achieving lasting peace, security and stability, as well as development based on national ownership.

2. Emphasizing inclusivity as key to advancing national peacebuilding priorities to ensure that the needs of all segments of society are taken into account and, in this regard, to ensure the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in all aspects of peacebuilding and sustaining peace and the inclusion of young people in peacebuilding efforts at the local, national, regional and global levels.

3. Underscoring the contributions of all relevant stakeholders, including regional and subregional organizations, international financial institutions and private sector and civil society organizations, to engage in peacebuilding activities of the countries on the Security Council's agenda, upon their request, with a view to fostering transparent and trustworthy processes that can lead to sustainable outcomes.

4. Placing a greater emphasis on actions that can have an impact on the ground and complementing the efforts of Member States to ensure lasting peace and the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, on the basis of national ownership and existing United Nations mandates, while ensuring efficiency and coherence and leveraging our comparative advantages.

5. Emphasizing the importance of a comprehensive approach to sustaining peace, in particular through preventing conflict and addressing its root causes, strengthening the rule of law at the national and international levels and promoting sustained and sustainable economic growth, poverty eradication, social development, sustainable development, national reconciliation and unity, including through inclusive dialogue and mediation, access to justice and transitional justice, accountability, good governance, democracy, accountable institutions, gender equality and respect for, and protection of, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

6. Expressing its support for adequate, predictable and sustainable funding for peacebuilding activities in support of nationally identified priorities and encouraging the mobilization of financial resources for the implementation of peacebuilding activities.

7. Encouraging the effective monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of peacebuilding activities to assess progress and impact and determine lessons learned.

The Commission stands ready to continue supporting the Security Council on peacebuilding and sustaining peace initiatives by continuing to provide strategic, targeted and timely advice to the Council based on good practices in fostering greater trust in peacebuilding processes that have emerged from the Commission's activities.