

**Closing remarks by
H.E. Mr. Vitaly Churkin
President of the UN Security Council,**

The Secretariat, represented by the Peacebuilding Support Office, has played a critical role in preparatory activities, providing the necessary technical and coordinating support. In this context, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to Ms. Chinyere Hopkins, Assistant Secretary General for PBSO, who will soon be leaving her office, for her commitment to the work of the PBSO and her invaluable contribution.

Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

The establishment of the Peacebuilding Commission in 2005, pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 60/180 and Security Council Resolution 1645,

In this regard, it seems quite reasonable that today's event, being the first step in the comprehensive discussions of peacebuilding themes, which are proposed to become regular, is dedicated to mobilizing resources. Today's discussions have shed light on the potential role of the Commission as a platform for drawing greater attention to specific gaps and possible policy frameworks which will help enhance resource flows to the countries concerned. The broad-based nature of the Commission's Member States' composition and its broader outreach to partners from regional organizations, international financial institutions and civil society has provoked a lively and substantive exchange of views on challenges and opportunities for enhancing national and international resource flows and national capacities, including in the context of UN missions transitions.

All parties concerned efficiently used this valuable opportunity to share views on the mobilization of financial and human resources both on national and international levels, with due consideration for the principle of national ownership and the fundamental objective of providing sustainable support to post-conflict societies.

The PBC as a diplomatic platform mandated to advise the General Assembly and the Security Council, as well bring together the

Continued bilateral informal interactions with the Security Council will help the Peacebuilding Commission to maximize and capitalize on its advisory role and to produce and share ideas that can be subsequently reflected in Security Council resolutions

In conclusion, I am convinced that today's event, along with the upcoming 2015 review of the UN Peacebuilding architecture, will allow us to examine experience gained, to highlight more clearly the areas and approaches where the PBC can practically demonstrate its continuing and growing commitment to UN efforts aimed at consolidating peace and development and to give renewed impetus to the further evolution of this valuable intergovernmental instrument.

Thank you.