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Dear colleagues,

I thank Ambassador Mohamed Edress, for convening us to this meeting and for his enormous management in the difficult context that we continue to live in as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which demands solidarity and coordinated work.

For this meeting, we believe it is relevant to share some of the lessons learned from my country with the presence of the Special Political Mission of the Security Council, which has the mandated to verify three specific points of the Agreement signed in 2016 between the Government and the then FARC guerrillas.

We are committed to the implementation of the Agreement. To integrate ex-combatants into the socio-economic and political spheres of life, we have taken steps and developed programs.

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For its effective implementation, new institutions were created to address key issues such as transitional justice and reintegration, as presented by Counselor Archila in this Commission.

The Mission's work on the specific points of reincorporation and security guarantees was expanded by a Security Council resolution last May.

We have also stressed the need for specific resources for peacebuilding, including the implementation of the 2016 Agreement. In this, the Verification Mission has been accompanying and supporting us.

Colombia has carried out coordinated work with the international community and multilateral institutions.

Indeed, through the multilateral fund managed by UNDP, which includes contributions from the PBF, peacebuilding initiatives led and assumed by the government have been developed.

These are in line with national priorities and contribute to ensuring the progress of the Agreement. As Jean Pierre Lacroix mentioned, in line with A4P, what we do must be based on the principle of national ownership.

In this regard, it is worth highlighting from our experience:

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1. The need for coordinated actions between international partners and national institutions to obtain results more effectively.
2. The importance that the mandates of Special Missions respond to the realities and contexts of each country. There are no one-size-fits-all formulas and they should be subject to adjustment as circumstances warrant.
3. The Commission must be timely in its communications with the Council in order to influence the mandates according to the lessons that are exchanged on this platform.

I hope that these lessons learned will be of great interest to you and contribute to the exchange of ideas today.

Thank you very much.