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PBC – PBSO MEETING

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Talking points

- We are pleased to see you and to continue advancing in the work plan for 2019 of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC).
- Colombia assumes this chairmanship as an opportunity for the PBC to achieve the key goals that will improve the management and performance of this Commission in its work for the consolidation of peace.
- As we explained last Monday, our idea is to focus on seven priorities.
- First one, is to improve the role of the PBC as a connecting bridge between the main organs of the United Nations, such as the General Assembly, the Security Council and ECOSOC.
- Likewise, we consider that the advisory role to the Security Council has a lot of potential that can be worked on.
- On the other hand, we believe that, in a regional approach, the Commission could eventually play the role of coordinator of the various regional organizations in order to ensure that they are coherent with each other and, therefore, have a greater impact.
- Along the same lines, it is hoped to solidify existing associations such as, the World Bank, the African Bank and other sub-regions such as the ECOWAS and the Mano River Union.
- In addition, we want to direct this year's agenda to improve the effectiveness among the countries receiving contributions from the PBF and strengthen the synergies between the Fund and the Commission.
- Sharing experiences and lessons learned, not only between the members of the Commission but also with other member States is very important.



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- And finally, framed within an examination of the peacebuilding architecture for 2020, we hope to have your informal consultations to seek their views on what they expect from the next review.
- The PBSO has drafted a very complete and ambitious work plan, and we have seen in a very positive way the approach they have managed this year: taking last year conclusions as the five thematic topics and converting them into this year's plan.
- Those main topics are: (i) Implementation of the resolutions on the review of the peacebuilding architecture; (ii) Bridging role of the Peacebuilding Commission: the work of the Commission with the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council; (iii) Partnerships and engagement with other stakeholders; (iv) Towards a more flexible Peacebuilding Commission; (v) Financing for peacebuilding: strengthening the synergies between the Peacebuilding Commission and the Peacebuilding Fund