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TALKING POINTS

- Thank you Mr. Chair for convening this meeting.
- Colombia acknowledges the Secretary General's report, and as it says, the recognition of the impact of the pandemic on peacebuilding efforts.
- We believe that the Principle of National Ownership must guide the cooperation between the country and the international organizations, donors and international community. In this sense, the support from the United Nations system and agencies must be coordinated with the receiving country in order to increase the efficacy of peacebuilding measures.
- Each country must define its priorities and leads the peacebuilding process. International actors' funds must be aligned with these priorities.
- Colombia considers that International Organizations and donors must not impose their own specific bidding rules but must work within the normative framework of the country involved.
- We must highlight the importance attributed by Colombia during its chairmanship of the PBC to the achievement of strategic alliances with International Organizations such as the World Bank, the African Bank, ECOWAS and the African Union.
- Nonetheless effective and innovative solutions require that we go beyond the traditionally alliances.
- Financing for peacebuilding is intertwined with financing for development. This is why we must attack development issues at the root of conflicts.
- Without economic growth, countries emerging from conflict situations can not generate enough opportunities for their citizens.
- Peacebuilding requires that rural activities become profitable and sustainable. Achieving this requires: 1. property rights; 2. infrastructure, and; 3. Investment in public goods such as education and health.



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- PBF efficacy is dependent on the UN capacity in situ. This is why articulation between PBF and UN Country teams is fundamental to maximize the impact.
- Funds from international donors will never be enough. They work better as catalysts rather than ongoing sources of financing.
- On January 15, 2020, the first meeting of the PBC outside UNHQ was held in Cartagena. The meeting was called to share experiences and analyze Good Practices for financing and Strategic Partnership for the Consolidation of Peace.
- The initiative of the President of Colombia Iván Duque was a valuable opportunity to learn first-hand about some of the socioeconomic stabilization strategies that have been implemented in the Peacebuilding process in Colombia.
- Mr. Chairman I want to reiterate the important work that the PBF are doing around the world and the commitment of Colombia with building a sustainable and lasting peace
- Many thanks