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**Statement by the Non-Aligned Movement
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delivered by H.E. Mr. Hamidon Ali
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Mr Co-Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of Member Countries of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). The Non-Aligned Movement has always been constructive in the discussions on the Peacebuilding Commission and would like to assure you that this spirit will continue as we strive to fulfill our commitments set by our leaders. NAM would like to express its appreciation to you for producing the revised options paper containing elements for the draft resolution on the operationalization of the Peacebuilding Commission. This has been helpful in speeding up the process of operationalization of the Peacebuilding Commission. While we agree that some the elements in the options paper are decisions from the World Summit, but there are elements that we can build on as we have learnt and benefited from the discussions since the World Summit.

Mr. Co-chair,

2. The Non-Aligned Movements preliminary views on the text are as follows:

3 On section 1 on the elements for the preambular paragraphs, the Non-Aligned Movements is of the view that it is too long and could be shortened. Some the elements mentioned could be merged to better convey the message.

4. There is no need for preambular paragraph 9 as there is already reference to the UN organs in preambular paragraph 8. There is no need to single out any of the UN organs in peacebuilding as we all agree that peacebuilding is a multifaceted process which would involve more than one UN organ. In this regards preambular paragraph 8 could be strengthened by adding the words "**as well as the mandates**" after "responsibilities and functions".

5. NAM would like to propose that preambular paragraphs 13, 14 and 18 be combined and reformulated as follows:

***"Addressing special attention to ensuring national ownership
of the pos-conflict recovery process by supporting the efforts***

of the national authorities of the countries emerging from conflict to, *inter alia*, establish, redevelop and reform key national institutions, building human capacity, ensuring the role and equal participation of women in efforts and decisions aimed at maintenance and promotion of peace,”

This paragraph would be the new PP.11 and will be followed by the existing PP.11, existing PP.12, existing PP.15, existing PP.16 and existing PP.17 in this sequence.

6. NAM would also like to propose a new preambular paragraph as follows:
“Expressing concern that the failure to address the international trade in illegal exploitation of national resources before and after post-conflict peacebuilding will sustain illegal activities in the post-conflict context and significantly reduce the impact of country-based peacebuilding strategies.”

The main reason for this proposal is to link the country level peacebuilding strategies with the broader context of the globalized world economy especially in the trade of conflict goods. NAM is flexible on the positing of this paragraph in the preambular section.

7. On Section II on the elements for the operational paragraph, NAM would like to reiterate its position that the summit has already established the Peacebuilding Commission. Therefore it is the General Assembly that decides on the operationalization of the Peacebuilding Commission. There is no need for the other resolutions in the other organs of the UN.

Functions

8. We have seen from the discussions with the representatives from the field that apart from institution building, there is an urgent need to concentrate and focus on the issue of human capacity building in the peacebuilding process. NAM would like to propose that this be addressed in paragraph 2(ii) whereby it would read:

“Focus attention on the reconstruction and **human** and institutional capacity building.....”

Procedure

9. NAM agrees that the role and involvement of the national authority is crucial as they would be able to identify the priorities and strategies required to ensure the success of the process. In this regard, NAM continues to maintain its position that the agenda of the Peacebuilding Commission should be driven by the national priorities and strategies as identified by the national authorities. In situations whereby the national authority is absent, it can be at the request of the Secretary General or the regional or sub-regional organization. Each situation

should be considered differently and there can never be a one size fits all approach. There should also be periodic review of the operations to ensure that the focus of the operations does not become diluted or lost.

10. NAM agrees that the outcome of PBC's discussions and recommendations be made available as United Nations documents to all relevant bodies and actors, including the international financial institutions; as well as the fact the Commission would be able to draw from the comments of Member States during the general debate on this item in the General Assembly.

Mechanism for Interaction with Other Bodies

11. Having reviewed the options that have been provided under this section, NAM is of the view that the first paragraph under option A and the whole of paragraph of option B, best reflects NAM's position on this issue. This package would allow each body to address the issue relevant to them and to take advantage of the opportunities.

Composition

12. NAM would once again like to reiterate its position that there must also be a category of membership from the General Assembly in the Organizational Committee as it is the chief deliberative, policy-making body of the UN. The elections of the members of the Organizational Committee should be done in the General Assembly and be based on equitable geographical distribution as enshrined in the UN Charter and the balance must be reflective of the UN membership

13. NAM would like to propose a new operative sub-paragraph under paragraph 14 as follows:

“Decides that where at least three countries with recent post-conflict peacebuilding experience have not been selected or elected, the Organizational Committee shall elect an additional number of members, equal to the shortfall, to serve on the Committee for non non-renewable term.”

14. This would enable the countries with recent post-conflict peacebuilding experience to share the best practices and shortfall to ensure that next peacebuilding process can benefit and not fall in to the same trap.

Mr.Co-Chair,

15. Let me reiterate that these are NAM's preliminary views on the option paper that we have before us. NAM would provide additional inputs on this paper after this consultation.

Thank you.

