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Excellency,

We are writing to you in our capacity as co-Chairs of the informal consultations convened by the President of the General Assembly on the Peacebuilding Commission.

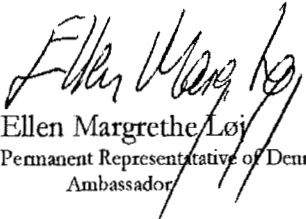
In order to bring our consultations further, and with the deadline in early November in mind, the co-Chairs have prepared the enclosed options paper. In this paper, we have reflected proposals received from Member States on the outstanding issues, defined by the President of the General Assembly in his letter of 6 October. We thank Member States for their contributions. We have renamed some of the issues in light of our previous consultations, and the practical aspects addressed during the meetings with Headquarters and field representatives.

Our next round of informal consultations will take place on **Friday, 21 October at 10:00 a.m.** The agenda will be the options paper, and the objective is to move our positions closer to each other. It is our sincere hope that we can build on the discussions we have had in recent meetings in a concrete and constructive way. We recall our task that is to create a Peacebuilding Commission that fills the identified gap in the United Nations system with a view to effectively addressing the special and urgent needs of countries emerging from conflict.

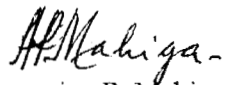
Several delegations have asked about the Peacebuilding Support Office and the Peacebuilding Fund, both of which the Secretary-General has been requested to establish. The co-Chairs will invite a representative of the Secretary-General to update us on the preparations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely


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Yours Sincerely


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**Informal Consultations of the General Assembly on the
Peacebuilding Commission co-Chaired by the permanent
representatives of Denmark and the United Republic of Tanzania**

19 October 2005

OPTIONS PAPER

prepared by the co-Chairs based on contributions from Member States

In bold is text from the 2005 World Summit Outcome (document A/60/L.1)

In [square brackets] is text that indicates different proposals in the same line of language

In italic are comments by the co-Chairs

I. Institutional Location

The General Assembly acting [jointly with the Security Council, and] in accordance with the 2005 World Summit Outcome (document A/60/L.1), hereby [implements the decision to establish] [establishes] [decides the following with a view to operationalizing] the Peacebuilding Commission.

II. Purposes, mandate and functions

97. **Emphasizing the need for a coordinated, coherent and integrated approach to post-conflict peacebuilding and reconciliation with a view to achieving sustainable peace, recognizing the need for a dedicated institutional mechanism to address the special needs of countries emerging from conflict towards recovery, reintegration and reconstruction and to assist them in laying the foundation for sustainable development, and recognizing the vital role of the United Nations in that regard, we decide to establish a Peacebuilding Commission as an intergovernmental advisory body.**
98. **The main purpose of the Peacebuilding Commission is to bring together all relevant actors to marshal resources and to advise on and propose integrated strategies for post-conflict**

peacebuilding and recovery. The Commission should focus attention on the reconstruction and institution-building efforts necessary for recovery from conflict and support the development of integrated strategies in order to lay the foundation for sustainable development. In addition, it should provide recommendations and information to improve the coordination of all relevant actors within and outside the United Nations, develop best practices, help to ensure predictable financing for early recovery activities and extend the period of attention by the international community to post-conflict recovery. The Commission should act in all matters on the basis of consensus of its members.

III. Involvement of the country under consideration

The question of involvement of the country under consideration is also addressed in section IV "Agenda" and in the Outcome Document paragraph 100 that dictates the participation of representatives of that country. Furthermore, the preambular paragraphs in the resolution may reflect the text proposals received by the co-Chairs.

- a) The Peacebuilding Commission will act in cooperation with national or transnational authorities [as possible] with a view to ensuring national ownership of the peacebuilding process.

OR

- b) The Peacebuilding Commission shall, where possible, work in close consultation with host country authorities, including transitional authorities where practicable, to ensure the host country's involvement in the peacebuilding process.

IV. Agenda

- a) The Peacebuilding Commission shall activate its work and base its advice, in country-specific situations, [through the Security Council, the General Assembly or the Economic and Social Council.] upon the request of and carried out in close consultation with the national/transnational authorities of the country emerging from conflict or at risk of relapsing into conflict [where possible.]

OR

- b) The Peacebuilding Commission will consider items on the Security Council agenda brought to it by that body.

Any Member State of the UN in an exceptionally difficult circumstance, [on the verge of lapsing into conflict][emerging from or on the verge of conflict], shall be able to request the advice of the Peacebuilding Commission [and through it the assistance of the international community.] [The Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission should consider the relevance of the request.]

[The Secretary-General, in urgent situations, shall be able to ask the advice of the Peacebuilding Commission.]

OR

- c) The Organizational Committee sets the agenda of the Peacebuilding Commission giving due attention to the situation in different regions of the world, in order to provide legitimacy to the work of the Peacebuilding Commission.

V. Format of Reports

99. The Peacebuilding Commission should make the outcome of its discussions and recommendations publicly available as United Nations documents to all relevant bodies and actors, including the international financial institutions. The Peacebuilding Commission should submit an annual report to the General Assembly.

VI. Mechanism for Interaction with Other Bodies

- a) The Peacebuilding Commission shall provide advice on operational peacebuilding strategies to such bodies as are seized of the issue, in accordance with the Charter. From the initial stages of conflict recovery and while the Security Council is seized of the matter, the Peacebuilding Commission shall provide advice to the Security Council; thereafter it shall provide advice also to other UN and international bodies.

OR

- b) The relevant bodies of the United Nations will take [coordinated] action according to their respective mandates as defined by the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

[When the Security Council is seized of a matter, the Peacebuilding Commission should provide advice to the Council while also encouraging early preparations and input by other relevant bodies and actors to assist in reconstructing the economy and institutions of the State concerned.][Where the Security Council is mandating a peacekeeping operation, the Peacebuilding Commission should pay particular attention to advising the Security Council on the implications of its operation for reconstruction, while the participants in the Peacebuilding Commission should seek to ensure that there are adequate simultaneous preparations for economic and institutional recovery.]

OR

- c) **(Following paragraph 99 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome ...)** for coordinated action to be taken by these bodies according to the relevant provisions of the Charter and their respective responsibilities.

The Peacebuilding Commission shall report operationally to the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council paying particular attention to advising these bodies on the security and economic aspects respectively of the situation under consideration. It should also provide quarterly reports [as well as special reports, as deemed necessary,] to the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council. [Both organs shall review those reports in accordance with their respective mandates and areas of competence and provide, as deemed necessary, coordinated guidance to the Peacebuilding Commission thereon.]

VII. Composition

100. The Peacebuilding Commission should meet in various configurations. Country-specific meetings of the Commission, upon invitation of the Organizational Committee referred to in paragraph 101 below, should include as members, in addition to members of the Organizational Committee, representatives from:

- (a) The country under consideration;**
- (b) Countries in the region engaged in the post-conflict process and other countries that are involved in relief efforts and/or political dialogue, as well as relevant regional and subregional organizations;**

- (c) The major financial, troop and civilian police contributors involved in the recovery effort;
- (d) The senior United Nations representative in the field and other relevant United Nations representatives;
- (e) Such regional and international financial institutions as may be relevant.

101. The Peacebuilding Commission should have a standing Organizational Committee, responsible for developing its procedures and organizational matters, comprising:
- (a) Members of the Security Council, including permanent members;
 - (b) Members of the Economic and Social Council, elected from regional groups, giving due consideration to those countries that have experienced post-conflict recovery;
 - (c) Top providers of assessed contributions to the United Nations budgets and voluntary contributions to the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, including the standing Peacebuilding Fund, that are not among those selected in (a) or (b) above.
 - (d) Top providers of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions that are not among those selected in (a), (b) or (c) above.

VII.a. Membership of the Organizational Committee (implementation of paragraph 101 in the 2005 Summit Outcome Document)

- (a) [5][7] **Members of the Security Council, including [5] permanent members;** and [2] non-permanent members, elected according to rules and procedures to be decided by the Security Council; [giving due consideration to geographical balance.]
- (b) [5][7][10] **Members of the Economic and Social Council, elected from regional groups, giving due consideration to those countries that have experienced post-conflict recovery;** elected according to rules and procedures to be decided by the Economic and Social Council;

- (c) **[5][7] top providers of assessed contributions to the United Nations budgets and voluntary contributions to the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, including the standing Peacebuilding Fund, that are not among those selected in (a) or (b) above, determined by a list to be provided by the Secretary General;**

OR

- (c) **[5/7/10 of the 10/20/30] top providers of assessed contributions to the United Nations budgets and voluntary contributions to the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, including the standing Peacebuilding Fund, that are not among those selected in (a) or (b) above, [to be selected, according to procedures to be developed, from a list provided by the Secretary-General] [elected by the General Assembly from a list of member states to be provided by the Secretary-General] [to be selected according to a pre-established rotation-scheme.][Due consideration should be given to geographical balance.]**

OR

- (c) **3 top providers of assessed contributions to the United Nations budgets, including PKO budgets, and voluntary contributions to the United Nations and to United Nations funds, programmes and agencies, and 2 additional providers of such contributions, to be selected, according to procedures to be developed, from a list provided by the Secretary-General.**
- (d) **[3][5][7] top providers of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions that are not among those selected in (a), (b) or (c) above, determined by a list to be provided by the Secretary General.**

OR

- (d) **[5/7 of the 10/20/30] top providers of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions that are not among those selected in (a), (b) or (c) above, [to be selected, according to procedures to be developed, from a list provided by the Secretary-General.] [elected by the General Assembly from a list of member states to be provided by the Secretary-General.][to be selected according to a pre-established rotation-scheme.][The criteria for membership from troop contributors should be elastic and include the peacekeeping history of the troop contributing countries.][Due consideration should be given to geographical balance.]**

VII.b. Tenure

Members of the Organizational Committee should be elected for a [two][three]-year term [with partial renewal of the composition every year]. The tenure of the members shall be renewable for a maximum of one additional term [as applicable.]

VIII. Institutional donors participation

102. Representatives from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and other institutional donors should be invited to participate in all meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission in a manner suitable to their governing arrangements, in addition to a representative of the Secretary-General.