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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.

As concluded at our last session on 21 October 2005, we hereby circulate a revised options paper for your consideration. A number of outstanding issues still remain, but as co-chair's we have attempted to merge the views expressed by Member States on some of these issues. Given the role we perform as co-chair's it goes without saying that only the text in bold from the outcome document is considered agreed.

Our next round of informal consultations will take place on **Wednesday, 2 November 2005 at 2:30 p.m.** It will be appreciated that rather than having prepared statements, we have an open and direct exchange of views.

After the consultations next week, a draft resolution will be tabled.

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

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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**

28 October 2005

REVISED 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)

I. Elements for Preambular Paragraphs:

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the 2005 World Summit Outcome

Recalling its resolution A/RES/60/2 adopted as the outcome of the 2005 World Summit on 16 September 2005, and in particular paragraphs 97 to 105 of that resolution containing the decision of the Heads of State and Government of the member States to establish an intergovernmental advisory body, namely the Peacebuilding Commission,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations

Reaffirming the inter-linkage between development, peace and security and human rights,

***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,**

Emphasizing the vital role of the United Nations in assisting parties to conflicts to end hostilities and emerge towards recovery, reconstruction and development,

Recognizing the respective responsibilities and functions of the United Nations organs as defined in the Charter and the need to enhance the coordination among these organs

Recognizing the primary responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security

Affirming the main responsibility of national and transitional governments and authorities of the countries emerging from conflict or at risk of relapsing into conflict, where they are established, in identifying their priorities and strategies for post-conflict peacebuilding, with a view to ensuring national ownership of the peacebuilding process,

Noting the shared responsibility of the national authorities, the United Nations system and the member states, regional and sub-regional organizations and International Financial Institutions for devising and implementing successful post-conflict peace-building strategies,

Stressing the need for sustained international support for the efforts and capacity building of regional and sub-regional arrangements in carrying out post-conflict peacebuilding activities in their regions,

Addressing special attention to the importance of supporting the Governments efforts to establish, redevelop or reform key national institutions, in order to enhance effective administration of the country and ensure national ownership of the post-conflict recovery process.

Underlining the importance of mobilizing international assistance to support human capacity building efforts,

Recognizing that countries emerging from conflict situations or have recently experienced peacebuilding activities would make an invaluable contribution to the work of the Peacebuilding Commission,

Recognizing the important contribution of NGO's and civil society to peacebuilding efforts,

Expressing concern that civilians, particularly women and children, account for the vast majority of those adversely affected by armed conflict, including as refugees and internally displaced persons, and are increasingly targeted by combatants an armed elements, and recognising the consequent impact this has on durable peace and reconciliation.

Reaffirming the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding, and stressing the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, and the need to increase their role in decision-making with regard to conflict prevention and resolution.

Reaffirming the request to the Secretary-General to establish a multi-year standing Peacebuilding Fund for post-conflict peacebuilding, funded by voluntary contributions and taking due account of existing instruments and with the objective to ensure the immediate release of resources needed to launch peacebuilding activities and the availability of appropriate financing for recovery,

Reaffirming the request to the Secretary-General to establish, within the Secretariat and from within existing resources, a small peacebuilding support office staffed by qualified experts to assist and support the Peacebuilding Commission and drawing upon the best expertise available,

II. Elements for Operational Paragraphs

The General Assembly

1. Acting jointly with the Security Council, and in accordance with the 2005 World Summit Outcome (document A/60/L.1), hereby decides the following with a view to operationalizing the decision by the World Summit to establish the Peacebuilding Commission as **an intergovernmental advisory body.**

FUNCTIONS

2. **Decides that the following shall be the main purposes of the Peace-building Commission:**
 - i. **To bring together all relevant actors to marshal resources and to advise on and propose integrated strategies for post-conflict peace-building and recovery;**
 - ii. **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;**
 - iii. **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.**

PROCEDURE

3. **Decides that the Peacebuilding Commission shall act in all matters on the basis of consensus of its members.**
4. Emphasizes that the Peacebuilding Commission shall act in cooperation with national or transitional authorities, where possible, in the country under consideration with a view to ensuring national ownership of the peacebuilding process.
5. Emphasizes that the Peacebuilding Commission shall, where possible, work in close consultations with regional and sub-regional organizations to ensure their involvement in the peacebuilding process.
6. Decides that the Organizational Committee should give due attention to the situation in different regions of the world and set

the agenda in close consultation with the national or transitional authorities of countries concerned, where possible.

7. Decides that the Organizational Committee shall base the agenda of the Peacebuilding Commission on the following:
 - i. Country specific situations on the Security Council agenda brought to it by that body,
 - ii. Requests, including those brought to it through the Economic and Social Council or the General Assembly, for advice from any Member State of the United Nations in exceptionally difficult circumstances, on the verge of re/lapsing into conflict,
 - iii. Requests for advice by the Secretary-General.
8. **Decides that the Peacebuilding Commission shall 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.**
9. **Decides that the Peacebuilding Commission shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly.**
10. **Decides that the General Assembly shall hold an annual debate based on the report and in order to give guidance to the work of the Peacebuilding Commission.**

MECHANISM FOR INTERACTION WITH OTHER BODIES

11. A. Decides that the Peacebuilding Commission shall provide advice on peacebuilding strategies to UN bodies in accordance with their respective responsibilities as set out in the Charter and to other bodies as appropriate.

Underlines that when there is UN mandated peacekeeping mission activity on the ground, the Peacebuilding Commission shall pay particular attention to advising on the implications of that mission for recovery and reconstruction. The Peacebuilding Commission shall promote early and comprehensive preparations with a view to facilitating the implementation of effective strategies for timely and smooth economic and institutional recovery to assist in laying the foundation for sustainable development.

OR

- B. Decides that the Peacebuilding Commission shall provide advice 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.

OR

- C. Decides that when the Security Council is actively 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.

OR

- D. Decides that from the initial stages of conflict recovery and while the Security Council is actively seized of a matter, the Peacebuilding Commission shall provide advice to the Security Council; thereafter it shall provide advice also to other UN and international bodies as appropriate.
12. Reaffirms that the relevant bodies of the United Nations will take action in accordance with their respective mandates, defined by the relevant provisions of the Charter.

COMPOSITION

13. **Decides that the Peacebuilding Commission shall meet in various configurations. Country-specific meetings of the Commission, upon invitation of the Organizational Committee referred to in paragraph XX 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.

14. **Decides that the Peacebuilding Commission should have a standing Organizational Committee, responsible for developing its procedures and organizational matters, comprising:**

(a) 7 Members of the Security Council, including permanent members and non-permanent members, selected according to rules and procedures to be decided by the Security Council;

(b) 7 Members of the Economic and Social Council, from regional groups giving due consideration to those countries that have experienced post-conflict recovery; selected according to rules and procedures to be decided by the Economic and Social Council;

(c) 5 [top] [of the 10/15 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 [selected, according to procedures to be developed, from a list provided by the Secretary-General] [selected by the General Assembly from a list to be provided by the Secretary-General];

(d) 5 [top] [of the 10/15 top] providers of military personnel and civilian police to United Nations missions that are not among those selected in (a), (b) or (c) above, [selected, according to procedures to be developed, from a list provided by the Secretary-General] [selected by the General Assembly from a list to be provided by the Secretary-General] .

15. Decides that in [selections][elections] in category c) and d) due attention should be paid to contributions over the past years.

16. Recommends that members of the Organizational Committee shall serve on the Committee for a term of up to [two] [three] years, renewable for one consecutive term, as applicable.

17. Decides that the Peacebuilding Commission, both the Organizational Committee and country specific formations thereof, shall consult countries with recent post-conflict peacebuilding experience and civil society, as appropriate.
18. **Decides that representatives from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and other institutional donors shall be invited to participate in all meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission in a manner suitable to their governing arrangements.**
19. **Decides that a representative of the Secretary-General shall be invited to participate in all meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission.**

FORMAT OF MEETINGS

20. Noting the importance of participation of regional and local actors, stresses the importance of adopting flexible modalities, including use of video-conference, meetings outside of New York, and other modalities as necessary to provide for the active participation of those most relevant to the Peacebuilding Commission's deliberations;

REVIEW

21. The arrangements set out above will be kept under review with a view to ensuring they are appropriate to delivering the agreed functions of the Peacebuilding Commission. The General Assembly [and the Security Council] should consider proposals to change the arrangements hereby agreed no later than 5 years from the adoption of this resolution.