

STATEMENT BY MR. GOPINATH MUNDE, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, ON
PEACEBUILDING FUND AT THE ANNUAL HIGH-LEVEL STAKEHOLDERS MEETING
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Mr. Chairman,

Let me at the outset welcome and thank you for convening this Peacebuilding Annual High-Level Stakeholders Meeting today at a time when our endeavours for peace and security, globally, stand at a critical juncture. Mr. Chairman, international community's response to post-conflict societies stands enriched with what UN peacekeepers have been delivering tirelessly on the ground and with the recent Peacebuilding initiatives.



India recognizes PBF as a critical constituent of the larger architecture in our quest to achieve lasting, enduring and sustainable peace in post conflict societies. In this regard,

today's event is timely, relevant and opportune for us to take stock of what we have achieved thus far and the way forward.

Mr. Chairman,

As a contributor to the Peacebuilding Fund and as a member of the Peacebuilding Commission, India has remained actively engaged in the critical task of peacebuilding. We will continue our active association with both, the Commission and the Fund, with a view to enable these institutions fulfill their assigned tasks.

Mr. Chairman, in this spirit, I am happy to announce a fresh contribution of 2 million dollars (USD) to the Peacebuilding Fund.

Mr. Chairman,

India believes that Peacebuilding Commission has bridged a critical gap in attaining peace and security. We believe and hope that the Commission will make significant contributions to the recovery, reconstruction and development of countries emerging from conflict, wherever it agrees to act upon a request for advice and assistance by a Member State.

It is with this conviction that India had engaged proactively in formulating the revised terms of reference for the Peacebuilding Fund and had co-sponsored a resolution in the same spirit. We are happy to note that the Secretary General's Annual Report on the Peacebuilding Fund notes that its revised terms of reference have enabled the Fund "to serve as a fast-disbursing, agile, responsive, and risk-taking peacebuilding instrument".

Mr. Chairman,

It is imperative that the relationship between the Commission and the donors is managed creatively, so that the synergies presents in the Peacebuilding Architecture are harnessed optimally.

Mr. Chairman,

Let me conclude by stressing two important imperatives:

First, we must always strive to ensure that there is an effective two-way dialogue between countries on the Agenda of the Peacebuilding Commission and the Commission itself through at all stages. Second, there is a need to improve the governance structure of the peacebuilding architecture. PBC and PBF should be in a position to respond swiftly and with greater efficiency so that all available resources that are geared

towards peacebuilding in post conflict situations are harnessed optimally and expeditiously.

Thank You, Mr. Chairman

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