

**Informal Interactive Dialogue by the General Assembly and the  
Peacebuilding Commission on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace**

**India Intervention  
by  
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- Thank you, Moderator, for giving me the floor. This is a useful platform to further advance, explore and consider implementation of the recommendations and options contained in SG's report on peacebuilding and sustaining peace.
- The Report made several useful suggestions on how to enhance the effectiveness of the UN system in supporting Member State-led efforts on strengthening partnerships with relevant stakeholders, and on ensuring predictable and sustainable funding of peacebuilding activities through the Peacebuilding Fund.
- In an evolving spectrum of challenges that we face today, the importance of finding inclusive political solutions to prevent and resolve conflicts cannot be highlighted enough.
- Peacebuilding and sustaining peace require strong partnerships beyond the United Nations, in support of nationally-owned solutions. We need a broad and inclusive approach to such partnerships, not only working closely with host country authorities, regional and sub-regional organizations, but also with international financial institutions including the other multilateral donors, the private sector, civil society, women's groups and youth organizations.
- We appreciate the focus of the Secretary-General to strengthen **operational and policy coherence and improved capacity across the UN system through his comprehensive reform proposals.**
- The repositioning of the development system will ensure that a new generation of Resident Coordinators and United Nations country teams benefit from better cross-pillar support, risk-informed joint analysis and

planning, policy advice, monitoring and reporting. Empowered and impartial Resident Coordinators will have experience across the United Nations system and multiple skills, including in integrated planning, risk management, gender issues and human rights. This will ensure more coherence across the humanitarian-development-peacebuilding continuum. The restructuring of the peace and security pillar will bring greater effectiveness and alignment.

- The efforts to strengthen peacebuilding face problems due to **lack of adequate funding** that betrays a lack of genuine political will. Concrete action on this will require a much greater commitment to make a much higher and longer-term political engagement and investment, including financial contribution in activities that help build and sustain peace.
- As is well known, the funds available for UN Peacebuilding efforts are not even 1% of the annual budget for UN Peacekeeping. In this context, we welcome the specific financing options presented by the Secretary-General in his report of last year. We **hope the interim report of the Secretary-General this year will continue to address these issues in a practical manner.**
- I thank you, Moderator.