

**Statement by IWAYA Takeshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan  
at the Ministerial Meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission on  
Promoting Social Cohesion and Inclusive Governance  
to Foster Community Resilience and Sustainable Peace  
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Mr. Chair,

I would like to express our appreciation for your leadership in convening today's Ministerial Meeting and steering this year's activities of the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC).

There has never been a time when action for peacebuilding and sustaining peace has been more urgently needed.

In order to prevent and resolve today's increasingly complex conflicts and address the emerging risk factors that drive them, it is imperative to adopt an integrated approach that bridges the humanitarian, development, and peace fields.

From this perspective, Japan places the utmost importance on the PBC, where stakeholders within and outside the United Nations collaborate to advance conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and sustaining peace in a comprehensive manner.

Mr. Chair,

In order to prevent conflict and foster sustainable peace, I believe a human-centered approach is essential.

Through inclusive efforts that leave no one behind, we can strengthen social cohesion and build a foundation for lasting peace.

For example, Japan is collaborating with international organizations to support the Sahel region by strengthening food security and improving access to basic services.

In addition, Japan is promoting the inclusion of women and youth in local government institutions, thereby contributing to the development of resilient communities.

Mr. Chair,

The role the PBC should play in intensifying peacebuilding efforts is becoming increasingly significant.

For the PBC to more effectively fulfill its advisory, bridging, and convening roles, I would like to highlight the following three points.

First is strengthening the PBC's coordination with the Security Council, the General Assembly, and the Economic and Social Council. This is essential for the PBC to perform at its best both within and outside the United Nations. As an informal facilitator, Japan worked to enhance relations with the Security Council last year and has been working to bolster the relationship with the General Assembly this year.

Second is advancing cooperation with peacebuilding actors on the ground. To improve the quality of its advice, the PBC must leverage the insights of UN Country Teams, civil society, and other actors familiar with local circumstances.

Finally, promoting financing. The PBC serves as an effective platform for countries receiving support from the Peacebuilding Fund to showcase their achievements and secure further support.

This year, as a Vice-Chair of the PBC, Japan is advancing cooperation with the Asian Development Bank and will continue to support collaboration between the PBC and international financial institutions.

Mr. Chair,

Through this year's Peacebuilding Architecture Review, Japan will work in partnership with many Member States that seek peace, to unite our efforts.

I would like to conclude by reaffirming Japan's strong commitment to peacebuilding.

I thank you very much.