



**Statement by Mr. ENDO Kazuya
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Mr. Chair,

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

As we mark the 20th anniversary of the PBC, in a time of rapidly changing political dynamics across the globe, the UN's peacebuilding efforts are more important than ever.

We must recognize the critical role of peacebuilding in bridging the gap between humanitarian assistance and sustainable development, especially given the decline in international aid and the closure and scaling down of UN peacekeeping missions.

Mr. Chair,

To sustain peace, it is critical to strengthen state institutions anchored in inclusiveness and national ownership, with the principle of human security at its core, protecting and empowering every individual.

In this regard, Japan has long supported countries such as the Philippines and Colombia, through promoting cooperation and rebuilding trust among stakeholders toward fostering resilient communities that leave no one behind.

To effectively support nationally owned peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts, the PBC's unique convening role has immense potential, bringing together international and national stakeholders including international financial institutions and civil society.

In this sense, the PBC's engagement with countries such as São Tomé and Príncipe and Mauritania are good examples of how countries can utilize the PBC's unique value of offering a platform for sustained engagement with stakeholders.

Furthermore, I cannot fail to mention the importance of support through the Peacebuilding Fund. As the PBF is reviewing and renewing its strategy, Japan will continue contributing to this process to better support locally led, inclusive, and nationally owned peacebuilding efforts in the next strategy period.

Mr. Chair,

The Peacebuilding Architecture continues to play an irreplaceable role in supporting inclusive and nationally owned peacebuilding efforts by mobilizing resources and improving effectiveness.

Working closely and collectively with partners, Japan will continue contributing to advancing peace across nations.

I thank you.

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