



**Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Yusra Khan
Deputy Permanent Representative
at the Peacebuilding Fund Third Annual High-Level Stakeholders Meeting**

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Madam Chairperson,

On behalf of the Indonesian delegation, let me first join others in thanking the UN Secretary General, H.E. Ban Ki-moon, for his useful remarks. Indonesia also thanks Ms. Tawakkol Karman of Yemen, Nobel Laureate and Mr. Jamal Benomar, SRSG for Yamen on her valuable remarks.

I thank you, **Madam Chair**, and Mr. Jan Knutsson, Chair of the Peacebuilding Fund Advisory Group, for informing us about the achievements and challenges ahead of the PBF.

Indonesia, as a founding Member of the Peacebuilding Commission, and as an initial and persistent supporter and contributor to the PBF, is pleased that that both the PBC and PBF, in a relatively short span of time, have progressed efficiently, and marked their vital status globally.

As reflected in the 2012 Sec-Gen's report (A/66/659), the Fund has been supporting around 129 projects in 11 countries in 2011. That the Fund has one of the largest donor bases of a UN multi-donor trust fund demonstrates the Fund's crucial role internationally, as well as its potential in yielding quick and effective peace dividends.

Madam Chairperson,

Allow me to offer following further observations on the PBF:

First, we are pleased that through hard work and dedication by UN system stakeholders along with those in countries to which the Fund supports, the Fund's service delivery, projects' efficiency and coordination have improved over the years.

Second, we appreciate that the PBC's work in supporting the implementation of peace agreements and its role in backing SSR, DDR, rule of law, economic activities and re-establishment of essential administrative services, to a significant degree, has helped peace in the agenda countries. In this effort, the PBF's contribution will continue to be critical.

Third, as outlined in the Sec-Gen's previous report, several steps to enhance the Fund's performance, such as improved business and performance management plans, rapid response, expansion of allocations, greater country support, organization of annual stakeholder forums as well as increased synergy with the Commission continue to be important,

We hope that the Fund will intensify its work in this regard, and the opportunities and challenges mentioned in the Sec-Gen's report will be more effectively approached.

Fourth, there are indeed opportunities. My delegation believes that the civilian capacities review initiative launched by the Secretary-General facilitates the creation of new avenues for the Fund to support institutions in post-conflict settings.

We concur with the Sec-Gen's view that as more countries passing through their political transitions would likely seek assistance, a strong and responsive PBF will be a potent tool for the UN to ably assist countries in their peacebuilding.

Fifth, we believe that an active, regular and transparent dialogue among Member States and relevant UN and non-UN actors on how to better enable the needed financing for civilian capabilities as well as other peacebuilding purposes remains extremely important.

In this context, we support the role by the PBF to also support the developing countries in their efforts to assist post-conflict countries in their national capacity development.

Madam Chair,

It is very positive to see the widespread support expressed here for the PBF. Indonesia, certainly, will remain consistent in its support, including through its financial contribution.

In closing, I would like to commend ASG Judy Cheng-Hopkins along with her dedicated staff in the PBSO for the Fund's management, as well as the UNDP for administering the Fund in a transparent and accountable manner.

I thank you.

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