

*Monday 13 July 2009* - The Secretary-General has emphasized the importance of integration and coherence in the immediate aftermath of conflict while presenting his report on peacebuilding to the Peacebuilding Commission in New York today.

Titled, *Report of the Secretary-General on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict*, the document finds that the immediate post conflict period offers a window of opportunity to provide basic security, deliver peace dividends, build confidence in the political process and lay the foundations for sustainable peace.

During the meeting of the PBC today, Mr. Ban Ki-moon made a number of recommendations about how the entire UN system and the international community can better support nations emerging from violence during the first critical two years of peace when expectations amongst the population are ripe and ready for change.

In his report, the Secretary-General stated the establishment of the inter-governmental PBC in 2005 presented a “major milestone in the evolution of the international community’s response to peacebuilding,” as it “combines a close link to three principal organs of the United Nations (the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council).

It has a critical role to play in championing and promoting the agenda outlined in the report and it has a critical role to play in a country emerging from violence.”

Members of the Commission highlighted the importance of the analysis and recommendations contained in the report, and re-affirmed the critical importance of an integrated and coherent approach to peacebuilding.

The Chair of the PBC, Ambassador Heraldo Munoz (Chile) will present his response on behalf of all PBC members to the Security Council of 22 July.

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