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**Statement**

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At the outset, let me thank the President of the General Assembly and the current and previous chairs of the Peacebuilding Commission for their invaluable contributions to this joint debate.

Despite the many challenges of 2020, the fourteenth session marked another important year for the Peacebuilding Commission. Last year afforded us an opportunity to shape the kind of Peacebuilding Architecture that will be relevant and effective, of course, in the interests of all Member States. As one of the co-facilitators for the 2020 review of the peacebuilding architecture, my delegation commends the constructive engagement and support of the Commission, together with the Peacebuilding Support Office, as well as all Member States. The 2020 twin resolutions on the review have strengthened the foundation to help guide our work moving forward on this important agenda.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines emphasizes that peacekeeping, peace-making and peacebuilding must all be pursued in complementarity as part of a peace and security, development, and humanitarian continuum. There can be no peace without development and no development without peace; both are intertwined, and neither can flourish in silos. Furthermore, we encourage coherence and complementarity across the development, peace and security and human rights nexus. Operationalizing this nexus requires enhanced cooperation between the UN Security Council and the other main organs of the United Nations system, such as the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

The Commission's advisory and bridging role with the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council remain crucial in sharing advice on peacebuilding priorities and enhancing coherence among principal organs. We underscore the need for a strengthened institutional relationship between the PBC and the Security Council, reflective of the value of a more integrated approach to peacekeeping, peacebuilding and sustaining peace.

Moreover, the continued efforts of the Commission in mobilizing power to bring together all relevant parties to share best practices, lessons, address the challenges and acquire resources. Notwithstanding, greater coherence, and collaboration with the entire UN system, IFIs, regional, sub-regional, international partners and most importantly Peacebuilding Fund remains fundamental. The critical financial support offered by the Secretary General's Peacebuilding Fund, is an essential tool which remains significantly underfunded. We need to

ensure adequate, predictable, and sustained financing for peacebuilding in order to make progress in the sustaining peace agenda. We also look forward to the high-level UNGA meeting during its 76th session on ensuring adequate financing for peacebuilding.

It is imperative that the Commission continue to deepen substantive discussions on critical components of peacebuilding and sustaining peace, such as institution-building, which is a vital factor in development progress. We believe that institution-building has a crucial role in conflict prevention, sustaining peace, peacebuilding, and development in conflict affected countries. It allows for capacity development, promotion of good governance, rebuilding trust, addressing developmental challenges and assist in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Excellencies, before I conclude, I must emphasize that we must not be selective in our efforts to advance the peacebuilding and sustaining peace agenda. As such, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines calls on Member States to support efforts aimed at exploring all possibly effective and useful channels that align with the peace and development priorities of countries, as traditional financing is proving insufficient to satisfy the needs. We must intensify our collective efforts, in addressing all issues that undermine sustainable peace and development progress in the short-medium longer-term.