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Peacebuilding: Fortifying Inclusive and Sustainable Approaches to Peacemaking  
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We commend Somalia for placing the spotlight on advancing inclusive and sustainable approaches to peacebuilding through this Arria Formula meeting and thank the briefers for their insightful remarks.

The complex and protracted nature of today's conflicts reminds us that peacebuilding cannot be treated as an ancillary component of peace processes. Rather, it must be understood as a central, continuous, and locally anchored endeavor.

As underscored in recent Security Council resolution 2805 on the *2025 UN Peacebuilding Architecture Review*, peacebuilding is essential to sustaining peace and development. The resolution rightly calls for a shift from broad policy commitments to measurable, coordinated, and results-oriented implementation across the UN system and at the country level.

In this context, Greece attaches particular importance to methodology in peacebuilding efforts. Well-designed frameworks, clear benchmarks, 'safe-to-fail experiments', and robust monitoring and evaluation are indispensable to ensuring impact. Without systematic measurement of results, follow-up mechanisms, and adaptive learning, even the most well-intentioned initiatives risk falling short of their objectives.

Equally critical, as speakers have already indicated, is a strong local focus. Experience shows that peace agreements and national strategies often encounter significant challenges in translating commitments into tangible improvements at the community level. Local ownership, societal participation, and culturally attuned approaches are essential to bridging this gap. When peacebuilding initiatives are disconnected from local realities, their impact at the community level remains limited, undermining legitimacy and sustainability.

Encouragingly, the United Nations system offers recent examples where locally grounded peacebuilding has yielded concrete results using adaptive approaches. These range from successful cross-border mediation between Central African Republic and Sundanese communities facilitated by MINUSCA to inclusive dialogue and reconciliation processes in Colombia. Such efforts demonstrate the value of engaging traditional leaders, women, youth, and civil society actors.

These experiences highlight the importance of aligning peacebuilding methodologies with field realities. Strengthening partnerships with regional organizations and leveraging their comparative advantages further enhances the effectiveness and legitimacy of peacebuilding efforts.

The Security Council, working closely with the Peacebuilding Commission and other UN entities, and guided by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, could further enrich the promotion of scalable, evidence-based adaptive approaches, that would foster more resilient political settlements and prevent the recurrence of conflict. We commend Germany, in its capacity as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, for its leadership in strengthening the peacebuilding architecture.

In conclusion, Mr. Chair, advancing inclusive and sustainable peacebuilding requires a collective commitment to methodology, measurement, and local engagement. Greece remains committed to supporting efforts that translate shared principles into concrete, measurable outcomes on the ground, for the benefit of populations affected by conflict and international peace and security.

I thank you.