

Statement on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the formal introduction of the Review of Efficiency – Investing in prevention and peacebuilding to the United Nations 76th General Assembly Fifth Committee Second Resumed Session

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Mr Chair, I thank you, and the UN Secretariat and the Vice-Chair of the ACABQ for your helpful introduction to this important item.

As co-Chair of the Group of Friends of the PBF, the United Kingdom believes strongly in - and is deeply committed to - investing in conflict prevention and peacebuilding, and the peacebuilding fund.

The United Kingdom has been steadfast in its support – political and financial – for United Nations peacebuilding assistance. This includes over USD 230 million dollars of contributions to the Peacebuilding Fund since its inception.

The PBF is not a silver bullet, of course. National governments and international development actors all need to play their part, including the UN development system.

The United Kingdom is working on various tracks to advance prospects for innovative financing, and to deepen strategic partnerships with the international financial institutions.

We look forward to engaging with partners on the Secretary General's proposal, and to considering the issues set out in the ACABQ report, working to achieve a well-funded, effective Peacebuilding fund.

To conclude, Mr Chair, I would reiterate the United Kingdom's commitment to conflict prevention and peacebuilding, and I look forward to making progress on this item under your guidance.