

Written submission

Peacebuilding Commission advice to the Security Council on the G5 Sahel

Based on its continuing engagement in support of peacebuilding in the Sahel region, and in recognition of the peacebuilding challenges and persistent threat of terrorism faced in the region, the Commission encourages the Security Council to consider:

1. Calling for continued diplomatic efforts to preserve the political unity of the G5 Sahel.
2. Reiterating the need for coherent and sustained security, political, governance, socio-economic development, and peacebuilding efforts, based on national priorities, and the implementation of national strategies and inclusive regional cooperation to ensure lasting peace and sustainable development in the Sahel region and calling for the mobilization of support and additional resources for regional peacebuilding efforts in the Sahel, including Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger.
3. Continuing to underscore the urgent need to address the root causes of conflicts and drivers of instability, and ensuring good governance, rule of law, respect for human rights, gender equality, and sustainable development.
4. Stressing the importance of other regional partners and initiatives to combat terrorism such as the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) fighting Boko Haram-affiliated groups in the Lake Chad basin and the Accra Initiative for security cooperation.
5. Underscoring the importance of respecting human rights in all efforts to combat terrorism in the Sahel region and acknowledging efforts to implement the G5 Sahel Joint Force Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Compliance Framework.
6. Reiterating the need to consider options for regional peace operations, led by regional forces, with guaranteed, and predictable funding.
7. Encouraging closer cooperation between UN, ECOWAS, AU and G5 Sahel on peacebuilding efforts in the region.
8. Advocating and supporting projects and programmes aimed at socio economic development in order to address the vulnerabilities of the Sahel through the implementation of UN Integrated Strategy for the Sahel (UNISS) and its Support Plan as well as the G5 Sahel Strategy for Development and Security (SDS) and its Priority Investment Program (PIP 2022-2024).
9. Continuing to firmly support the implementation of the African Union Strategy for the Sahel Region, UNISS and the work of the Secretariat of the G5 Sahel in governance, infrastructure and in addition to defense and security and reiterating the importance of adherence to relevant instruments of the African Union and ECOWAS.
10. Recognizing the efforts by ECOWAS, the African Union and the UN in restoring peace and stability in the region and the ongoing work of the Independent High-level Panel on Security and Development in the Sahel to recommend ways to improve joint and coordinated regional and international responses.

11. Reiterating its call for the need to address the adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters, drought, desertification, land degradation and to tackle challenges in the field of access to energy as well as food insecurity, while acknowledging the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement.
12. Recognizing the important contribution of civil society and the need for full, equal and meaningful participation of women and inclusion of youth in political processes and peacebuilding efforts at all levels, as well as the need for full protection of children in armed conflict in the region.
13. Recognizing the investments of the Peacebuilding Fund and calling for enhanced support to peacebuilding efforts in the Sahel region.