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Thank you for convening today's session on sustaining peace, and thank you to everyone who made such generous pledges today.

Successful transitions and long-term peace rely – ultimately – on respect for human rights and agreeing a political solution.

And that requires our collective, coherent and consistent response at all levels: multilateral, bilateral and regional.

I welcome the Secretary-General's focus on this through his Action for Peacekeeping agenda and A4P+ priorities.

Chair, your Excellences, to implement these priorities, and following the preparatory conference that we co-chaired last year with Bangladesh and Canada, the UK has pledged £10 million this year for the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund.

The UK continues to support the Fund, as we have for many years, so it can deliver real impact on the ground.

Our £10 million pledge ensures the Fund can keep investing in projects that are making a difference.

Projects that reintegrate former fighters; resolve inter-community disputes; empower women and young people to lead peacebuilding activities; and provide mental health support to young people affected by conflict.

It is vital that we make best use of our resources by embedding peacebuilding programming across the UN in line with the Secretary-General's sustaining peace vision.

On our second pledge, we know that programmatic funding provided by peacekeeping missions towards peacebuilding activities is a short-term solution and that the UN agencies are better placed to deliver long term.

So, while supporting wider UN reform, we are continuing our contributions this year to the UNDP-led Transitions project.

Moving ahead, we want to see more systematic use of Integrated Strategic Frameworks, joint analysis and planning instruments.

As leaders, we need to bring together the knowledge, expertise and lessons learned from across the UN system.

We need collaboration, not competition, among UN entities, to harness their comparative advantages and forge a more agile United Nations, fit for the security challenges of the future. A United Nations that learns, shares and innovates.

UK support continues to stretch across the range of A4P priorities – funding projects to improve planning, performance and accountability, support women’s participation, address safety challenges and improve protection for civilians – to bring peace, stability and prosperity to those living amid conflict.

Excellencies and colleagues, with your support, I hope that our collective efforts will ensure success for our peacekeeping missions and all those who serve in them.