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### Report of the Peacebuilding Commission

## Extension of the appointment of the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support

### Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution [62/236](#) of 22 December 2007, the General Assembly decided that the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support should be appointed following consultations with Member States and that the Assistant Secretary-General should serve for one fixed term of five years without possibility of renewal.
2. On 2 September 2014, the Secretary-General announced the appointment of Oscar Fernandez-Taranco (Argentina) as Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support. Mr. Fernandez-Taranco, during his five-year term, which began on 1 November 2014 and is due to end on 31 October 2019, has ably supported the Peacebuilding Commission, administered the Peacebuilding Fund and supported me in coordinating the efforts of the United Nations in peacebuilding and sustaining peace.
3. The Peacebuilding Support Office, overseen by Mr. Fernandez-Taranco, plays an important role in facilitating coherence among the three pillars of the United Nations – peace and security, human rights and development. In its resolution [72/262 C](#) of 5 July 2018, the General Assembly decided to restructure the peace and security pillar, including through the integration of the Peacebuilding Support Office, thereby allowing the Office to more effectively perform its “hinge” function. The new peace and security architecture and the resident coordinator system remain in their infancy, however, and much remains to be done in order to fully realize the benefits expected from the reforms.
4. In its resolution [72/262 C](#), the General Assembly requested that the Secretary-General report on the implementation of peace and security reform during the main part of the seventy-fifth session, and in its resolution [72/279](#) of 31 May 2018, the Assembly requested that the Secretary-General report on the functioning of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system before the end of the seventy-fifth session.
5. In the light of the particular impact of all of the ongoing reforms on the Peacebuilding Support Office and the need to minimize disruptions during the critical implementation phase of the reforms, the Secretary-General wishes to propose that the General Assembly approve, notwithstanding paragraph 70 of resolution [62/236](#),



the exceptional extension of the term of Mr. Fernandez-Taranco as Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support by two years, until 31 October 2021. This would allow Mr. Fernandez-Taranco to finish overseeing the integration of the Peacebuilding Support Office into the new Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and contributing to the reports on the implementation of reforms requested by the Assembly. It would also allow him to support the next comprehensive review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture, in 2020, including the preparation of the detailed report requested by the Assembly in its resolution [72/276](#) of 26 April 2018 for submission to the Assembly at its seventy-fourth session.

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