

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to request nominations for new members of the independent Advisory Group of the Peacebuilding Fund of the Secretary-General.

Pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/60/287 of 21 September 2006, endorsing the report of the Secretary-General on establishing the Peacebuilding Fund (A/60/984), the Advisory Group of the Peacebuilding Fund comprises up to ten members appointed by the Secretary-General for a two-year term to provide advice and oversight on the programming of the Fund. The members of the current seventh Advisory Group were appointed in August 2022, and their term of office ends in August 2024.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Peacebuilding Fund, the Secretary-General intends to appoint the members of the eighth Advisory Group by selecting five new members from candidates nominated by Member States. To ensure the most effective support to the operations of the Fund, the Secretary-General intends to maintain a degree of continuity in the composition of the membership of the Group and will reappoint, after consultations, the five members of the outgoing Advisory Group who can serve a second term.

The Secretary-General will select new members on the basis of their exceptional record in peacebuilding, resource mobilization, advocacy and outreach, including from countries contributing to the Fund, with due consideration given to regional and gender balance. In light of Security Council resolution 2250 (2015) on youth, peace and security, we would also welcome nominations of young peacebuilders. The criteria for the selection of the Advisory Group and its responsibilities are set out in greater detail below:

Peacebuilding Fund Advisory Group: Criteria for Selection

Member States are invited to nominate independent, distinguished and senior personalities with a relevant profile in areas related to peacebuilding at the national or international levels, familiar with the work of the United Nations system, focusing on the following attributes:

- knowledge and proven track record of advice on conflict prevention, sustaining peace and peacebuilding activities; and
- expert experience in resource mobilization, development funding instruments, advocacy campaigns and public outreach.

To uphold the independence of the Group, nominations should not include individuals who: (a) are serving their Governments at the United Nations; (b) are presently employed at the United Nations; (c) worked or are working with the Peacebuilding Fund (either as Fund recipients or implementers); and (d) have oversight or advisory responsibilities over existing Peacebuilding Fund programmes. Member States are also encouraged to propose candidates with the requisite skills and experience other than public service officials.

Peacebuilding Fund Advisory Group: Responsibilities and Terms of Service

The functions of the Advisory Group shall concentrate on five oversight tasks by providing strategic and practical guidance on:

- the implementation of the strategy of the Peacebuilding Fund, including on resource mobilization and assessing and communicating impact;
- policies guiding Peacebuilding Fund investments, notably regarding the timeliness, risk-tolerance and catalytic effects of the Fund;
- initiatives proposed, on an annual basis, for receiving assessed contributions pursuant to resolution A/RES/78/257;
- synergies between the Fund and the Peacebuilding Commission;
- implications of the Pact for the Future and the 2025 Peacebuilding Architecture Review for the strategic direction of the Fund; and
- how to respond to new and emerging peacebuilding challenges.

The members of the Advisory Group are not remunerated for their service but are entitled to travel grants and per diem expenses in line with United Nations rules and regulations when attending Advisory Group meetings and/or conducting Fund-related work, as required by their Terms of Reference. Advisory Group members are expected to take part in at least two two-day meetings per year in New York. In addition, they may also be required to provide advice remotely and to take part in monitoring missions to recipient countries.

To proceed as expeditiously as possible, Member States are kindly requested to submit their nominations to the Secretary-General, copying the Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support, by 16 August 2024.

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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