Mr. President,

Denmark associates itself with the statement delivered by the European Union this morning.

Let me at the outset pay tribute to Brazil for its effective chairmanship of the Peacebuilding Commission over the past year and to Sweden for taking up this crucial task. The Chair of the Commission can count on Denmark’s full support in achieving the priorities set out for the next year.

Mr. President,

2015 is a crucial year for the UN’s Peacebuilding Architecture. Denmark actively supported its establishment 10 years ago and is committed to contributing to a successful and ambitious outcome of this year’s review process.

At stake is the UN’s ability to ensure lasting peace in post-conflict situations. This runs at the very heart of the organisation’s role in the maintenance of peace and security.

The review must take an honest look at both the successes and shortcomings of the functioning of the institutions that make up the Peacebuilding Architecture. We must deliver progress in
- strengthening the UN’s ability to stabilize countries in post-conflict situations and fragile states,
- ensuring more effective transitions from conflict to peacebuilding and development and
- fostering a more coherent, coordinated and comprehensive peacebuilding effort at the country-level.

Mr. President,

With its wide donor base, the Peacebuilding Fund enjoys broad support and is an effective instrument within the UN architecture. Denmark has contributed to the fund since its inception with multiyear contributions in 2006 and 2012. A new commitment for the coming years is currently being planned.
Last year’s review of the Peacebuilding Fund was as a further testament to the positive contribution that the fund has been making. In particular, Denmark welcomes the increased focus on monitoring and evaluation of the Fund’s activities and impacts. To maintain the Fund’s wide support, it is crucial that the results of the Fund’s work are clearly documented.

Allocations from the Peacebuilding Fund should continue to focus on the most fragile post-conflict countries. Denmark particularly welcomes the Fund’s engagements in critical country efforts such as Somalia, South Sudan and Mali as well as an increased focus on regional peacebuilding efforts in priority regions such as the Sahel region. The regional approach is key to addressing the underlying factors that drive conflict and cross-border threats.

Women play a critical role in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. The Danish Government strongly supports the Secretary-General’s ambition to ensure that 15 % of the Fund’s allocations have gender equality as their principal objective. Further efforts are needed to reach this priority goal as soon as possible.

Another priority must be to ensure that different channels of financial support for peacebuilding, both from inside and outside the UN, become more integrated and coordinated at the country level.

Mr. President,

With three on-going, interrelated review processes currently underway – the Peace Operations Review, the Peacebuilding Architecture Review and the 1325 Review – synergy, coordination and shared analysis challenges is of crucial importance. Denmark will continue to support efforts to bring these processes together with the goal of strengthening the UN’s role in building lasting peace.

Thank you.