



**FWCC Oral Statement to be delivered at the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council**

**Item 3 General Debate**

Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers) welcomes this opportunity to follow-up on resolutions 38/18 and 45/31 on the contribution of the HRC to the prevention of human rights violations.

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Human rights violations are often the root cause and a consequence of destructive conflict – and the promotion, protection and fulfilment of human rights is an indispensable foundation for a more peaceful, inclusive and just world.

We were therefore pleased that these resolutions and pursuant report highlighted the need to consider how the HRC can work more effectively and coherently across *all* pillars of the UN to sustain peace in the context of the contemporary challenges we face. We were particularly pleased to see the invitation to the Peacebuilding Commission Chair to brief the HRC.

There is real opportunity in such an exchange between these two bodies, for instance:

- learning from each other's experience as forums that seek to address contemporary challenges
- strengthening their respective bridging roles.
- and continuing to identify mutual opportunities to address cross-cutting issues from a prevention perspective.

This invitation and aforementioned opportunities are also echoed in the 2020 Security Council and General Assembly resolutions on sustaining peace and the SGs 'Common Agenda'.

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We therefore regret that it was not possible to schedule this briefing and look forward to future opportunities for such an exchange.

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We call on the Council to continue issuing this invitation annually – and call on all member states of the HRC and PBC to continue to work together to develop opportunities for further exchange, including through this annual briefing by the PBC chair.

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