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FWCC (Quakers) wishes to take this opportunity to welcome report [49/88](#) on the contribution of [...] all human rights [...] to achieving the purposes and upholding the principles of the UN Charter - and its urge for 'revitalizing international solidarity and [...] cooperation'. **A call that cannot be understated in these rooms today.**

Its emphasis on human rights as an indispensable foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and just world and as a cornerstone to a new social contract are welcome. The persistent disconnect between Geneva and New York is however an ongoing concern to addressing cross-cutting and contemporary challenges.

In the spirit of the Charter, we therefore urge Member States to:

- Ensure human rights mechanisms are on a sustainable financial footing - enabling the UN system to address prevention, foresight and reshape responses to violence with a human-rights based approach.
- Enhance engagement between the HRC and other intergovernmental organs including the PBC and Security Council to address cross-cutting issues from a prevention perspective and support countries in their efforts to build and sustain peace.
- Include peacebuilding and violence reduction practitioners in human rights processes and vis-versa, facilitated for instance by having prevention focal points at OHCHR, as knowledge and information nodes.
- Ensure relevant HRC reports including this report, [49/68](#) [on prevention & technical assistance], [48/21](#) on Special Procedures, [47/60](#) [on prevention] and [OHCHR's contributions to the PBA Review](#) - are communicated and discussed in the New Agenda for Peace process.

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