**Peacebuilding Board**

In January 2016 the Government of Sri Lanka and the United Nations established the Peacebuilding Fund Board to guide and steer the UN’s support to peacebuilding efforts in Sri Lanka. The Board was co-chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Minister of Foreign Affairs/Secretary or representative) and the UN Resident Coordinator. With the Peacebuilding Priority Plan having since been developed as a common framework through which multiple development partners can align their support, in addition to the Peacebuilding Fund, the Peacebuilding Fund Board was being renamed as the Peacebuilding Board. The Board is primarily for the purpose of consultation and consensus building, and meets approximately quarterly. The Board will delegate decision-making to a smaller Executive Board including the Minister of Foreign Affairs, UN Resident Coordinator, a representative from the development partners and a representative from civil society. The Terms of Reference for each are in the box below.

**Terms of Reference**

The **Peacebuilding Board** will be responsible for the following:

(a) Overseeing the peacebuilding programme and its process;
(b) Guiding the process of developing the peacebuilding priority plan including the identification of peacebuilding priorities;
(c) Ensuring that the peacebuilding priority plan appropriately addresses gender issues and women’s participation in a cross-cutting manner; and ensuring that at least 15% of funding under the PPP is directed towards gender issues;
(d) Identifying funding needs and priorities to support reconciliation and accountability;
(e) Reviewing projects and programmes and providing recommendations to the Executive Board;
(f) Ensuring coordination of peacebuilding activities including government, donors, UN and civil society led programming efforts to avoid the emergence of gaps and duplication in funding, as well as ensuring that support through the PRF complements support extended by other existing funding mechanisms;
(g) Ensuring coherence between the various peacebuilding efforts led by stakeholders; and
(h) Approve the annual strategic review of the status of the PPP, including project results and performance to achieve the strategic outcomes.

It is proposed that the Peacebuilding Board meet every quarter in Colombo.

The **Executive Board** meanwhile will be responsible for:

(a) Approving the peacebuilding priority plan;
(b) Reviewing and approving the projects that are developed based on the priorities identified in the peacebuilding priority plan, whilst ensuring that at least 15% of funding is directed towards projects that address gender issues in line with the priorities in the PPP;
(c) Recommending improvements to project design and/or implementation to make them more effective and efficient in supporting the peace process;
(d) Briefing development partners on the peacebuilding initiatives; and
(e) Reviewing and defining the Fund’s requirements and priorities in consultation with the PB Board.

The Executive Board will meet regularly in Colombo. Funding decisions will be made in close consultation with the Peacebuilding Board.

**Members of the Peacebuilding Board**

1. Minister of Foreign Affairs
2. UN Resident Coordinator
3. Attorney General
4. Representative from President's Office
5. Secretary to the Treasury, Ministry of Finance
6. Secretary, Ministry of National Co-existence, Dialogue and Official Languages
7. Secretary, Ministry of Reconciliation and National Integration
8. Secretary, Ministry of Law and Order
9. Secretary, Ministry of Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs
10. Secretary, Ministry of Justice
11. Secretary, Ministry of Women
12. Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils
13. Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration and Management
14. Secretary General, Secretariat for Coordinating Reconciliation Mechanisms
15. Director General, Office of National Unity and Reconciliation
16. Chief Secretary, Northern Provincial Council
17. Chief Secretary, Eastern Provincial Council
18. Head of Delegation, EU (Development Partner Representative)
19. Senior UN Human Rights Advisor in Sri Lanka
20. Civil Society Representatives
   Mr. Brito Fernando, Mr. Mirak Raheem and Ms. Subajini Kisho Anton Mariathas
21. INGO Representative
   Mr Raga Alphonsus, Advisor, ZOA International