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Interpeace is an international organisation for peacebuilding that supports locally led peacebuilding initiatives around the world. Interpeace tailors its approach to each society and ensures that the work is locally driven. Together with local partners and local teams, Interpeace jointly develops peacebuilding programmes and helps establish processes of change that connect local communities, civil society, government and the international community. As a strategic partner of the United Nations, Interpeace is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, and has offices around the world.

Interpeace has also incubated a multistakeholder Finance for Peace initiative that seeks systemic change in how private and public investment supports peace in developing, fragile and conflicted contexts. It brings together investors, industry, non-state entities, Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), governments, peacebuilding and development actors, civil society and local communities to further peace-positive investment.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

On Peace Finance:

Finance for Peace proposes the embedding of peace finance concept in the Pact for the Future. Without peace and stability there can be no sustainable development or the SDGs. More specifically:

- o The United Nations Secretariat should commence a process with existing peace finance partners to specify how different UN agencies can play different roles in growing the Peace Finance market, leveraging their distinct mandates and capacities.
- o UN agencies with a specific mandate to mobilize finance in the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), like the UN Capital Development Fund, should ensure that the capital deployed for development is conflict-sensitive and does not exacerbate existing tensions. This can start through simple modifications to investment approaches that are aligned or informed by the Peace Finance Impact Framework (PFIF).
- o UN Resident Coordinators (RCs) can more actively participate in partnership, awareness, and convening toward the local ownership of peace finance approaches that can create more sustainable and resilience-oriented strategies that involve the private sector.

On Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS):



- o Standards and frameworks also play a crucial role in bridging the discursive gap between public and private actors. The UN thus could support existing collaborative initiatives (i.e., Finance for Peace) in convening key public and private stakeholders and aligning them-level discussions on Peace Finance.

rhetorical global commitments, to the meaningful multilateral investment in the role of young women and men in building sustainable peace. The Pact must avoid the pitfalls:

- o Rhetorical commitments to youth are not simply synonymous with investment in the future.

cultivating trust in economic systems which include rather than marginalize, and proactively address