

2 January 2024

Dear Co-Chairs,

I am sincerely grateful for your warm welcome letter, expressing appreciation for my recent appointment as the United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs. Your recognition of my commitment to advancing youth issues resonates deeply.

I am inspired by the dedication of the Civil Society Working Group on Youth, Peace, and Security and its acknowledgment of the crucial role played by youth-led and youth-serving organizations in advancing the youth, peace, and security agenda. I look forward to collaborative efforts to address the challenges faced by young peacebuilders, and I am eager to build upon past collaborations and explore meaningful ways to amplify the voices of young people.

Please convey my appreciation to the entire Civil Society Working Group on Youth, Peace, and Security, including the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY) and the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP), for their kind words and assurances of support.

Thank you again for your warm welcome. I look forward to our potential collaboration in advancing the cause of youth, peace, and security.

Yours Sincerely, **Felipe Paullier** 

Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs