

Closing remarks

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We have come to the end of our event today and I'd like to thank all of our guests who have taken the time to share their experiences with us today and to all the participants online.

We have seen that while we are still in a global crisis and pandemic, peacebuilding and sustaining peace will remain unchanged, if not become even more critical and where countries affected by conflict and fragility need our attention even more than before the pandemic.

The words from Director General Guy Ryder summarized it best as we conclude: our efforts today are as critical as they were in 1919 and that tackling the complex issues discussed today can only be done with strong partnerships. The crisis is an opportunity to strengthen collaboration, to forge partnerships and leverage positive change and demonstrate how various sectors can work together. As the saying goes: there is no better approach to solving challenges when "two heads are better than one as we lean into each other's strengths.

Finally, I am delighted to share with you that the PBSO, ILO, WHO and Interpeace have come together in an effort to bring a joint perspective on responding to the health, employment and peacebuilding challenges in a Paper called 'From Crisis to Opportunity for Sustainable Peace' will be published in the coming weeks

This is another demonstration of the strong linkages between our sectors and how these kinds of partnerships can have multiplier effects beyond looking at the technical outcomes of our respective sectors.

Let me conclude by thanking all of you for your time and valuable insights and for helping shape this important dialogue.