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The report of UNU event

Title: UNU Conversation Series — New Challenges for Multilateralism and Peace

Speaker: Elizabeth Spehar, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) for Peacebuilding Support

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 Ms. Elizabeth Spehar stressed the importance of having foresight and trying to build an exit strategy from the begging of peacekeeping operation with 2 examples. The first is Democratic Republic of the Congo case that peacekeeping has started to withdraw and UN moved to peacebuilding to support for prevention of conflict escalating. The last one is Cyprus case that UN military is remaining although it does not have much to do there.

 Audiences asked her ideas about an importance of Trust among many countries, women’s participation in peacebuilding, career advice to young peacebuilders, localization of Peacebuilding and so on, and I would like to share one of them with you, a question about UN way to support countries where the government is an authoritarian and civil society is eager for democracy (this questioner gave us an example, Myanmar.)

Her answer is “to find the way to reach people”. It means we should keep relating with these societies in every direction even if the relationships are the general population levels.