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**Security Council Adoption on the Red Sea Resolution
15 January 2025**

Greece's EoV before the Vote delivered
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Thank you Mr. President,

Greece is joining the United States as co-penholder in this important Security Council Resolution with a strong sense of responsibility and the belief that through collective engagement with all Member States, the Security Council can raise a unified voice for stability in Yemen and the Red Sea region.

We extend our sincere gratitude to outgoing co-pen Japan for the serious engagement and support demonstrated in their two-year tenure on this matter. We express our appreciation to all Member States of the Security Council for their open and constructive contributions to this Resolution.

Mr. President,

Maritime security and freedom of navigation in the Red Sea is under extreme pressure. Houthis' constant attacks against vessels are still disrupting international commercial shipping, exposing the vulnerability of supply chains and impacting heavily global trade lanes.

These attacks have a direct impact on us all. Maritime security conditions remain degraded and are expected to further deteriorate, while re-routing of shipping companies continues in favor of safer, but costlier, alternative maritime routes.

Furthermore, we are still witnessing Houthis ongoing aggressiveness and escalatory actions through launching unjustified attacks, with the systematic use of advanced weaponry, such as anti-ballistic missiles and drones, even against civil infrastructure, including oil-terminals under the control of the Government of Yemen.

The humanitarian repercussions are also severe. We need to put an end to this, by looking thoroughly into the origins of the use of advanced weaponry, and by preserving the applicability of the targeted arms embargo as established in SC Resolution 2216.

Greece as a maritime nation and a leading force in the EU naval operation 'ASPIDES' will contribute to upholding respect of maritime security, freedom of navigation and protection of seafarers in full compliance with international law. The lives and well-being of seafarers must be an unconditional priority, and always be protected.

We hope that the Resolution adopted today will be a strong call by all Member States of the Security Council for a

comprehensive and inclusive political settlement in Yemen as the only path towards peace and stability in the region.

I thank you.