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Mr. President,

Greece wishes to thank the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court Mr Khan for his comprehensive presentation, and I welcome also the presence of the PR of Sudan to this meeting.

Mr. President,

The humanitarian consequences of the situation in Sudan, notably in Darfur, are dire. The conflict, the intense warfare between warring parties, the escalation of hostilities, further aggravate human suffering of the Sudanese people. The United Nations Human Rights Council Fact Finding Mission for Sudan reports thousands of killings, injuries, extensive displacement and destruction of residential homes, hospitals, schools and other critical infrastructure. Furthermore, we remain extremely concerned of widespread atrocities and reports of Rome statute crimes being committed.

While Greece supports all efforts aimed at dialogue and mediation, it firmly believes that there is no room for impunity. The current Report of the Prosecutor is rightly pointing out that these atrocities are the result of continued impunity for crimes that commenced two decades ago and feature many of the same protagonists. Lack of accountability has fueled and continues to fuel the perpetration of ongoing and past crimes.

Greece has always maintained that the international community should prioritize the safety of civilians. The referral of the Situation in Darfur to the ICC, nearly twenty years ago, pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1593 (2005), supported also by Greece during its previous tenure in the UNSC, allowed the ICC to exercise jurisdiction over crimes committed in Darfur since 1 July 2002, although Sudan is not a State Party to Rome Statute. In view of the above Greece, a staunch supporter of international justice and the rule of law, underscores the importance of the investigations of the OTP regarding crimes committed in the course of the ongoing conflict that commenced in April 2023 between warring parties and their affiliated groups in Darfur.

Mr. President,

We equally wish to welcome the progress in the '*Abd-Al-Rahman*' case. This is a case of unique significance since it is the first relating to the '*Situation in Darfur*' referral by the Security Council. Greece welcomes the conclusion, to a large part, of the first of the fourth components of the Darfur referral.

Mr. President,

Let me stress that we welcome the steps already taken from the competent Sudanese authorities regarding cooperation with the OTP. Equally, we underline the importance of strengthening such cooperation regarding requests for assistance concerning ongoing inquiries and more importantly in relation to the execution of the arrest warrants against the fugitives in line with and pursuant to obligations stemming from SC Resolution 1593(2005). We wish also to underline that unilateral measures against the International Criminal Court including the Office of the Prosecutor and the Registrar will impact negatively on its work regarding the progress of the '*Situation in Darfur*' case.

Greece wishes to underscore the importance of the OTP prospective cooperation with United Nations Human Rights Council Fact Finding Mission for Sudan to support the lines of inquiry regarding crimes in Darfur since April 2023. It also welcomes the developing cooperation between the OTP, the victims and CSOs regarding the provision of information on the atrocities committed in the context of the current hostilities.

To conclude, Mr. President, Greece supports all efforts aimed at dialogue and mediation that are inclusive; and reaffirms its commitment to the unity and sovereignty of Sudan, convinced that achieving lasting peace goes hand in hand with justice.

I thank you.