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Greece's Statement delivered  
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Thank you, Mr. President, and I also thank SRSG, Ms. Rugwabiza, as well as the President of FAFECA, Ms. Abazene for their very informative briefings. I also welcome the presence of the representative of the Central African Republic to our meeting.

Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to extend my country's deepest condolences for the loss of a MINUSCA peacekeeper, after being attacked by armed individuals on 11 February. Our sympathy goes to the victim's family, TC Country Tunisia and the United Nations. The circumstances of his death must be fully investigated and perpetrators must be held

accountable. We emphasize that attacks against peacekeepers constitute potential war crimes.

Mr. President,

The reporting period under consideration, as highlighted by the Secretary General in his update, was marked by positive developments on the political process, in particular the advancement of electoral preparations for the local, as well as legislative and presidential elections, expected to be held later this year and in 2026, respectively.

We welcome the launching of the voters' registration process and encourage all political parties to contribute to the creation of an inclusive political environment, by raising electoral awareness and encouraging dialogue. To this end, the registration and mobilization of women and youth voters is essential, and specific public funding should be guaranteed by the Government of CAR for the support of the general electoral effort.

On the security situation, we acknowledge further progress being achieved on the restoration of state authority in areas beyond the capital's boundaries, a positive trend to which MINUSCA continues to significantly contribute.

Nevertheless, we express concern over the significant impact, which the ongoing conflict in Sudan has on CAR. Recent gains on overall border management policy, through the recent effective bilateral cooperation with Chad, are undermined by the transiting of armed groups across the porous northeastern region of the country.

On the humanitarian front, the country situation remains of high concern. We commend and support all UN and humanitarian staff who operate on the ground and call for the undisputable need of securing safe and unhindered delivery of humanitarian assistance across CAR's provinces.

Mr. President,

We continue to witness violations and abuses of human rights in the country. We are also deeply concerned about the sharp increase in grave violations against children,

especially the recruitment and use as well as killing and maiming of minors. We urge all parties to the Secretary General's Report on CAAC to engage with the United Nations to end and prevent these grave violations.

It is also important to underline the valuable role of the Special Criminal Court, in support of transitional justice. We note also the reported progress achieved in areas of the justice sector by the national courts and their overall improved performance.

Mr. President, in closing,

Greece remains steadfast in its support to MINUSCA, its personnel and SRSG's leadership, as they perform their duties with dedication, under complicated circumstances, contributing to peace and stability. We stand ready to support the next steps of the political process, including the organization and successful conduct of elections, that will pave the way for the full implementation of the 2019 Peace Agreement, to the benefit of the country and its people.

I thank you.