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the impact of unilateralism and bullying practices on international relations  
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Thank you Mr. Chair,

And I thank the briefers for their remarks.

Colleagues,

For the past 8 decades, the Organization has acted as the central pillar of our multilateral system, as it emerged after the devastating World Wars of the 20th century.

All these years, the UN has maintained its central role in coordinating international affairs. The world has largely remained peaceful and stable, and economic globalization has emerged as the defining trend of our era. Interdependence among nations and the vision of a shared future have become widely recognized and embraced, with international cooperation and common development serving as universal aspirations.

Last September we collectively undertook an ambitious step towards reinforcing the foundations of our multilateral system, by adopting the Pact of the Future.

Greece calls for the urgent implementation of the relevant actions of the Pact. Particularly relevant in this context is Action 38, on transforming global governance and reinvigorating the multilateral system to tackle the challenges, and seize the opportunities, of today and tomorrow.

Mr. Chair,

Allow me to briefly make the following points:

First, Greece opposes any violation of International law, in particular the UN Charter. We call on all parties to take advantage of the existing UN regulatory and institutional framework for the settlement of any dispute.

The Charter of the United Nations sets the framework provisions for international cooperation through a rules-based order and for solving international problems, inter alia of economic character.

Multilateralism, however, is not limited to the United Nations. Other fora and Organizations, with WTO at its core, provide for an international trading system through negotiations and dispute settlement.

Secondly, in regards to trade and investment, we believe they are the key building blocks of our shared prosperity through the promotion of technology and research, as well as the fundamental elements of economic security. Greece reiterates in this respect that in the Pact of the Future the Member States of the United Nations underscored the importance of the multilateral trading system contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

My country firmly believes that negotiated solutions foster trust, reduce friction, and strengthen the rules-based multilateral trading system.

We therefore call for a recommitment to the principles of transparency, accountability and reciprocity in global trade relations, and urge all partners to work together within the framework of international institutions to address these challenges constructively.

Lastly, we echo all those calling for bridging the developmental divide, including the digital divide, by supporting the developing nations in order to bolster social stability, enhance sustainable development resilience and achieve lasting peace.

To conclude, Greece, as an elected Member of the Security Council, is committed to pursue the full respect of the basics of the UN Charter, including the peaceful settlement of disputes, the respect of international law and the rules and principles of the UN Charter. We believe these are core elements of Greece's participation to this Council and the necessary foundations for peace and prosperity across all nations.

I thank you