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**United Nations Security Council Arria-Formula Meeting on  
Harnessing safe, inclusive, trustworthy AI  
for the maintenance of international peace and security  
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Your excellencies, dear colleagues,

I would like to thank particularly our coorganisers, France and the Republic of Korea, as well as Italy, the Netherlands and Armenia, for joining forces with us on this very important topic.

Artificial Intelligence is undeniably the most remarkable technological innovation of our times. And it is advancing so rapidly, that, as the Secretary General has said, “technology will never move in the future as slowly as today”, creating tremendous opportunities, but also complex challenges and risks for all humanity.

Greece is committed to advancing a human-centric AI agenda, emphasizing transparency, ethical use and accountability to ensure these powerful technologies enhance, rather than diminish human rights and democratic principles.

Dear colleagues,

No one can deny the increasing interlinkages of Artificial Intelligence applications with the maintenance of international peace and security.

We have seen so far many national, regional and international initiatives leading to this conclusion.

Very recently, in February 2025, the Prime Minister of Greece attended the AI Action Summit in Paris and was one of the 27 leaders that endorsed the “Paris Declaration on Maintaining Human Control in AI enabled Weapon Systems”, by which they committed to develop, deploy and use AI capabilities in the military domain in a responsible manner, in accordance with international law, to engage in multilateral dialogue and to encourage international cooperation in this field.

Greece is currently preparing its national contribution to the Report of the Secretary General on the opportunities and challenges posed to international peace and security by the application of AI in the military domain, by virtue of the relevant General Assembly Resolution. At the same time, the Greek Defence Ministry is organizing an International Crisis Management Conference in May, which will explore the challenges and opportunities presented by the use of AI in the military domain.

Dear colleagues,

The Security Council, being the primary Body mandated with the maintenance of international peace and security, can no longer ignore the accumulating international consensus that is clearly reflected in many of the above-mentioned initiatives and declarations.

In this vein, Greece supports the idea that the Council should leverage the responsible use of AI to advance international peace and security. Let me mention a few examples:

Firstly, the Council could explore the integration in all peace operations mandates, of provisions requiring the responsible use of AI applications, in ways to enhance safety and security of peacekeepers, to strengthen the protection of civilians and to counter malicious cyberattacks, dissemination of hate speech and disinformation campaigns, against peace operations.

I cannot stress enough the need for all these AI applications to comply with the UN Charter and International Law, including International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law.

Secondly, the Members of the Council should consider taking effective and realistic measures to ensure that emerging technologies and the accompanying competition does not destabilize international peace and security. In this respect, Greece takes note of the call of the Secretary General for banning lethal autonomous weapons, and establishing new prohibitions and restrictions on autonomous weapons systems by 2026. My country is ready to engage in the relevant discussion, from its capacity as an elected Member of the Security Council.

In this vein, we support the further discussions of these issues, in the Council.

Dear colleagues,

To conclude, it is of the utmost importance that the Council demonstrates unity, vision and foresight on contributing to the global efforts for harnessing safe, inclusive, trustworthy AI for the maintenance of international peace and security.

We hope that today's discussion will contribute to this end.

I thank you