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Merci beaucoup Monsieur le President.

I would like to thank SRSB Maria Isabel Salvador, Ms. Juma, and Ms. Solages for their briefings. I would also like to welcome H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, and the Permanent Representative of Haiti in this meeting.

Mr. President,

Greece is deeply concerned by the precarious security situation in Haiti and the increasing gang violence that exacerbates the dire humanitarian situation and aims at destabilizing the government. We condemn any attempts by gangs to change the political status quo in the country, as well as the human rights violations they commit.

In this framework, I would like to make three points:

First, restoring security conditions in Haiti is an absolute prerequisite for the political transition and the peaceful holding of elections. In this regard, we commend the Multinational Security Support Mission and Kenya for its leadership,

as well as all contributing countries, for their support to Haiti's National Police. We appreciate the delivery of police vehicles and related equipment by UNOPS and UNODC and believe that these enhanced capabilities of the Haitian police will soon be reflected in their performance, with a view to curbing the rising numbers of homicides, abductions, destruction of public and private properties, and attacks on media outlets and killing of journalists, and to protecting the most vulnerable groups of the population.

In fact, women and children bear the brunt of the violence in Haiti. We condemn sexual and gender-based violence against women and girls, which is used by gangs as a tool of power and control over the population, and call for the provision of appropriate services to victims and survivors, including sexual and reproductive health.

We urge the immediate cessation of the recruitment and use of children by gangs, which has reached unprecedented levels, with children making up 50% of gang members. We acknowledge the potential positive impact that the community violence reduction measures taken by the Government could have on Haiti's future generations and we underline the role of education in this regard.

Women, peace and security, as well as children in armed conflicts are highly critical issues in Haiti, so we pay special attention to these matters, being also part of our priorities for the Security Council term, in view also of our forthcoming UNSC Presidency next month.

Secondly, in order to tackle gang violence, it is imperative to control criminal activity in Haiti, such as illicit arms and drug trafficking. Strict border and port controls are essential, as is the thorough implementation of the arms embargo and the sanctions regime. We remain ready to consider additional measures in this regard.

Thirdly, Greece supports an inclusive and sustainable Haitian-led political transition, aimed at restoring the rule of law and stability in the country. We commend the progress in the preparations for completing the transfer of power by February 2026 in an inclusive manner, with the active participation of women and youth. We appreciate the inclusion of women in the consultations for the production of a draft constitutional text, as well as the appointment of 30% women as members of the electoral offices. We reiterate the need for free, fair, participatory, peaceful and inclusive elections and we urge the Haitian authorities to promote good governance and accountability and to prioritize the fight against corruption.

In view of the above, we read with interest the Secretary General's proposal on providing the MSS with UN logistical and operational support, taking into consideration the positive reactions by the Haitian authorities and the region, in particular CARICOM, and we stand ready to work constructively on the matter with our fellow Security Council members.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, I would like to express Greece's gratitude to the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH) and to the Special Representative of the Secretary General for their engagement with all national stakeholders. On our part,

we stand ready to support a Haitian-led political solution that responds to security and socioeconomic challenges and addresses the root causes of the country's instability.

I thank you.