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I thank the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for his twenty-ninth Report and for his briefing to the United Nations Security Council pursuant to Resolution 1970 (2011). This briefing is mandated by the Security Council.

I also wish to welcome the participation of the Permanent Representatives of Libya and Italy in this meeting.

We also express our regret that the Prosecutor was not able to brief the Council in person today and we fear that this might impact negatively on the victims of atrocities and, consequently, on criminal accountability in relation to serious international crimes. In this respect, we underscore our undertaking to uphold and defend the Rome Statute, maintaining its integrity against threats and actions aimed at the Court or its officials.

The Report of the Prosecutor of the ICC underscores the significant progress in investigations in the main four lines of inquiry, namely: the 2011 violence, the crimes in the detention facilities, the crimes related to 2014-2020 operations and the crimes against migrants.

We wish to underline the following, in view of the approaching conclusion of the investigation phase:

First, the level of engagement of the Libyan authorities with the Court is promising. Libya under Resolution 1970 (2011) must cooperate fully with and provide necessary assistance to the Court and the Prosecutor. We welcome the acceptance of the jurisdiction of the Court pursuant to Article 12 (3) of the Rome Statute by Libya. However, significant challenges still remain, requiring further strengthening of cooperation from the authorities.

We highlight in this regard that, according to the Report, the Office is still waiting to access the investigation files along with any information relating to the Tarhunah crimes investigation. Besides, Libya remains under the obligation to surrender the arrested suspects of those crimes to the Court. Equally, we underscore that the finding in the Report that the degree of assistance from the Attorney General to support the arrest warrants, surrender requests and the ICC investigations remains below the expected levels. Yet, cooperation of the authorities remain a

key factor in the acceleration of the investigations and in meeting the timely conclusion of the investigation phase.

Second, Greece is wishing to highlight the approach of the Report regarding the empowering of victims, witnesses and affected communities in recognition of their critical role to the OTP investigation. We underline in this regard that abductions of judges and lawyers, the release of detainees from detention centers when supported by armed groups, as well as the reported suspension of operation of humanitarian organizations constitute clearly, as the Report highlights, a challenging context for the work of the Prosecutor.

Third, we wish to reiterate, alongside with the Report, the obligations of States Parties to the Rome Statute as well as those stemming from Resolution 1979 (2011). The Njeem arrest warrant is one such case, with significant impacts, mainly on Libya, as underlined also in the Report.

The critical importance of cooperation with the Court is equally highlighted in proceedings, held in third States, related to crimes against migrants regarding human smuggling, hostage taking, extortion and torture. More importantly, cooperation with the OTP is critical, in particular in the collection of forensic evidence by State authorities, in and outside Libya, and more generally by States, including Libya and neighbouring States, to support the development of additional cases.

To conclude, cooperation of the Libyan authorities and in particular faster response to the requests from the Office of the Prosecutor remains a key element to further accelerate the investigations. And this in order to reach the conclusion of the investigation phase and set the basis for successful prosecution and trials.

I thank you