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Thank you Madame President.

I would like to thank SRSB Ms Keita for her briefing and also the Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone in his capacity as Chair of for the 1533 Committee. I also welcome the participation of the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of Rwanda to our meeting.

Madame President,

Allow me to emphasize the following points:

First, the implementation of Resolution 2773 is imperative. M23 must immediately and unconditionally cease hostilities and withdraw from Goma, Bukavu and all other controlled areas.

Greece resolutely opposes any violations of international law and the UN Charter and stresses its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of the DRC.

Second, we welcome today's signing of the Peace Agreement between DRC and Rwanda in Washington and we commend the US facilitation efforts to achieve this agreement. We also commend all other recent peace efforts and their outcomes, notably those by the AU designated mediator and the five co-facilitators, as well as the the efforts by Qatar, which led to the immediate ceasefire.

Third, the Resolution 2773 reiterates the Council's full support to MONUSCO, which is acting within its mandate and is doing critical work in the DRC, in particular protecting the civilians, ensuring continued implementation of the MRM on Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC) and addressing urgent needs.

MONUSCO's movement should be unobstructed and its work should be unimpeded. All parties must respect International Humanitarian Law and ensure unrestricted humanitarian access. We emphasize, once more, our strong commitment to the safety and security of MONUSCO's personnel.

Lastly, we are deeply concerned about the grave humanitarian and security consequences of the continuing M23 offensive both in North and South Kivu, that have lead to a further and mounting increase of IDPs. We strongly condemn all forms of human rights violations, committed both by armed groups and state agents, as presented in the SG Report - abuses, violence against civilians, peacekeeping, humanitarian, and medical personnel, sexual and gender-based violence, human trafficking.

We are particularly concerned about the grave violations and abuses committed against children's human rights, notably large-scale recruitment and use of children, abductions, killings and maiming, and shocking levels of sexual violence, as UNICEF stated to this Council, last April.

All continuing verified grave violations and abuses committed against children must halt and all parties must uphold their obligations under IHL and IHRL. Women and girls, being the main victims of the conflict, need to have unobstructed access to justice. We welcome the steps taken by the DRC Government to hold perpetrators of grave violations against women and children accountable.

Madame President,

Aligning with today's WPS Shared Commitments Group statement, we stress that a meaningful political engagement of women and their solidarity and advocacy at regional, national and international efforts are key elements for sustainable peace, stability and development in the DRC.

I thank you.