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on “Promoting International Peace and Security through Multilateralism and
Peaceful Settlement of Disputes”**

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Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to welcome your presence and congratulate Pakistan for the Presidency of the Security Council for the month of July.

I would also like to thank the Secretary General for his briefing.

Mr. President,

The promotion of international peace and security through multilateralism and peaceful settlement of disputes lies at the heart of the United Nations Charter and should remain a common priority for all Member States.

Having recently marked the 80th anniversary of the UN, we cannot but reflect on the tremendous toll of World War II on countries like Greece, and the firm belief that conflicts and wars should and can be averted. Greece proudly was among the first countries to sign the UN Charter, becoming thus a founding member of the UN.

The peaceful settlement of disputes is among the very principles that form the bedrock of the UN. Greece fully adheres to the principle of peaceful settlement on international disputes and seeks to promote a wide array of tools for their prevention and resolution, based on the primacy of international law, as set out in Chapter VI of the UN Charter. Moreover, Greece is a firm proponent of the rules-based multilateral system, which stipulates that the UN members should refrain from the threat or use of force against other members.

We believe that respect for international law and commitment to the principle of good neighbourly relations are of paramount importance for safeguarding and strengthening peace and security. Greece, as a credible and steady force, as well as a pillar of stability

in its region, has always been committed to the rules of international law, including the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, and remains a firm advocate of the principle of peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the UN Charter, placing particular emphasis on the prohibition of the threat or use of force.

Mr. President, allow me to offer some more reflections:

First, Greece spares no effort to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes, utilizing all the tools enshrined in the Charter and participating in relevant initiatives

The respect of international law and the promotion of good neighbourly relations remain the solid basis of this endeavour and we emphatically call on all Member States to uphold the same principles as the only viable way for peaceful coexistence, prosperity and stability.

At the same time, the implementation of Security Council Resolutions by all Member States and International Organizations is an essential component for the maintenance of international peace and security. It is also crucial that all Member States respect international law and adhere to all major conventions, as Greece has done.

Second, during our tenure in the Security Council, we are determined to work in an efficient and productive way in order to further promote the peaceful settlement of disputes and the respect for International Law and the UN Charter, longstanding principles of the Greek foreign policy.

Guided by the triptych “Dialogue, Diplomacy and Democracy” the motto of our tenure as an elected member of the Security Council for 2025-2026, Greece brings a principled voice to this table. These are not just words, but the core tenets of our foreign policy and of our Security Council participation as an elected member.

In this context, we seek to act as a reliable and constructive interlocutor with all UN member-states, maintaining open channels of communication, not only with our neighbours, but the whole international community.

Lastly, Mr. President, an increasing number of disputes across the continents continues to require our collective attention and engagement. 2025 offers us an opportunity to collectively reflect on the accomplishments of the Organization and to build on solid values, reiterating our steadfast support for the UN Charter and International Law. As staunch supporter of multilateralism and international law, with the UN at its core, Greece remains committed to promoting peaceful dispute settlement as the only viable way for sustaining peace.

I thank you