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Greece's Statement delivered
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Thank you, Mr. President.

I would like to congratulate you and Pakistan for assuming the Presidency of the Security Council for the month of July and thank Guyana for its successful tenure of the Presidency in June.

Allow me also to thank Assistant Secretary-General Jenča and UNODC Executive Director Waly for their briefings. I also welcome the presence of H.E. Mr. Roberto Álvarez Gil, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, as well as of the Permanent Representatives of Haiti, Kenya and Barbados to our meeting.

Mr. President,

Regrettably, the security situation in Haiti remains alarming. We note the rising gang violence, exacerbated by the growing popularity of self-defense groups, which challenge police presence in their territories and try to undermine the legitimacy of the Transitional Presidential Council. The presence of private security companies further complicates the security conditions on the ground, due to the lack of regulatory oversight.

Allow me to make the following three points.

First, the political transition and the peaceful holding of elections in Haiti are contingent upon the restoration of security. We continue to support the Multinational Security Support Mission as the most appropriate tool to tackle gang violence, provided it is fully deployed and adequately financed. We commend Kenya for its leadership and the contributing countries for their support

to the Haitian National Police, and acknowledge that they cannot continue shouldering this burden on their own.

The Secretary General's recommendations on providing the MSS with UN logistical and operational support appear to provide a way forward for tackling the security impasse, especially given the positive reactions by the Haitian authorities and regional stakeholders, particularly CARICOM and the Organization of American States. In this vein, we welcome the Resolution adopted by the OAS last week that signals the Organization's readiness to provide additional support to Haiti.

In order to tackle gang violence, it is also imperative to control criminal activity in Haiti, such as illicit arms and drug trafficking. Strict border and port controls are essential in this regard. We commend UNODC for the trainings it has provided to the Haitian coast guard during the reporting period. The strict implementation of the arms embargo and the sanctions regime are also of paramount importance. We remain ready to consider additional measures on individuals and gangs, as well as on their supporting networks that might be based outside Haiti.

Second, the fact that children constitute 30-50% of gang members is simply abhorrent. As highlighted in the Secretary General's latest report on Children and Armed Conflict, there was a staggering 490% increase in grave violations against Haitian children in 2024. We urge for the immediate cessation of the recruitment and use of children by gangs. We support the swift establishment of a new Commission on Disarmament, Dismantlement and Reintegration by the Haitian authorities, as well as the further implementation of community violence reduction measures, with a particular focus on education and socio-economic opportunities.

Third, we cannot overlook the progress that has been achieved in the political process, particularly the drafting of the revised constitutional text, which includes strong human rights provisions and increased quotas for women's participation in public offices, rising from 30% to 40%. Alarmed by the rising levels of sexual and gender-based violence, we also commend the establishment of specialized judicial units mandated to prosecute such crimes. This could have a significant impact on ending impunity.

Mr. President,

In closing, let me stress that Greece supports an inclusive and sustainable Haitian-led and Haitian-owned political transition. We urge the Haitian authorities to promote good governance and accountability and to prioritize the fight against corruption. In this framework, we acknowledge

the invaluable contribution of BINUH and support the renewal of its strong mandate later this month, and thank and commend SRSG Ms. Salvador for her overall work and dedication to the overall benefit of Haiti and its people.

I thank you.