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**Security Council Briefing on the referral of the situation in Darfur to the
Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court pursuant to Security Council
Resolution 1593(2005)
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Greece's Statement delivered
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Thank you Mr. President.

I would like to thank the Deputy Prosecutor of the ICC Mrs. Nazhat Khan for the presentation of the forty-first Report with regard to the situation in Darfur, and I also welcome the participation of the Permanent Representative of Sudan to our meeting.

Mr. President,

Sudan is currently facing one of the most dire humanitarian crises ever recorded. The situation in Darfur, is rightly considered in the Report as a “crisis of humanity”. Thirty million people are reportedly facing acute food insecurity while no ceasefire or peace agreement seems within reach.

Greece underscores the findings of the Report that there are reasonable grounds to believe that war crimes and crimes against humanity have been committed and are still committed in Darfur. Furthermore, the Report underlines that according to the evidence gathered, the crimes committed include killing, pillaging, attacks against internally displaced persons, indiscriminate targeting of civilians, but also gender crimes and crimes against children.

In view of the above, allow me to highlight the following four points:

First, progress is needed regarding the arrest and surrender of suspects in the cases of *Al Bashir, Hussein and Harun*. We underline the findings of the Report that in the reporting period the cooperation provided by the Government of Sudan continued but it was of a limited extent. The Report underscores, however, that urgent progress is needed and that the cooperation of the Government is essential when moving to arrests of suspects subject to ICC arrest warrants. This is an international obligation stemming from Security Council Resolution 1593(2005).

Second, we welcome the commitment of the Office of the Prosecutor, as highlighted in the Report, that the expectations of the victims, regarding past crimes will not be overlooked. We equally welcome the work of the Office of the Prosecutor regarding alleged gender-based crimes committed in West Darfur after the resumption of hostilities in April 2023.

Third, we wish to highlight the challenging security environment for many potential witnesses who expressed fears of retaliation or reprisals against them by members of armed groups. In this regard Greece welcomes the engagement of the Office of the Prosecutor to proceed in complex logistical arrangements to secure their safety and underlines the difficulties and delays caused by the minimal assistance and cooperation within the Office of the Prosecutor received regarding facilitation by third States in matters concerning the protection of witnesses.

My fourth and last point relates to the engagement of the Office of the Prosecutor with civil society organizations, in particular the community of victims. We welcome such commitment regarding information sharing and leads concerning ongoing investigations but also capacity building initiatives in support of documentation efforts.

To conclude Mr. President,

Greece wishes to express its support for the work of the Office of the Prosecutor in the challenging security environment of Sudan, but also its concern regarding threats and measures against the International Criminal Court.

We stand with the Court and will continue our full support for it so that it can continue to operate independently and effectively.

I thank you.