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Thank you Mr. President

At the outset, I would like to congratulate Panama for assuming the Presidency of the Security Council for the month of August and to thank you Mr. President for convening this emergency meeting. Congratulations also to Pakistan for a successful stewardship of the Council during the month of July.

I would also like to thank Assistant Secretary-General Jenča for his briefing, and I welcome the participation of Ukraine, along with Lithuania, Poland and the European Union in this meeting.

Mr. President,

The war in Ukraine has reached an inflection point. Russia escalates its attacks, reinforced with weapons and munition by its allies and with troops by DPRK, in violation of Security Council Resolutions. Day after day, Russia continues its attacks also against residential areas, causing more human suffering and destroying civilian infrastructure. During these last three days, missile strikes have claimed dozens of civilian lives in Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv and, just yesterday, in Kyiv, using loitering munitions and cruise missiles. Pregnant women and children are among the casualties. We deplore the reported use of new lethal weapons, such as rocket-powered kamikaze drones, against civilians in residential areas.

June has seen the highest monthly civilian toll in Ukraine and this alarming trend has continued in July, due to attacks not only close but also far from the frontline.

Once more, Greece condemns in the strongest terms any attacks against civilians and civilian objects, as clear violations of the basic principles of International Humanitarian Law and calls on Russia to immediately cease the targeting of residential areas and infrastructure in Ukraine. Adherence to these principles constitutes not only a

legal requirement but also a moral imperative and should go hand in hand with accountability for the perpetrators.

We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people in these trying times. We also commend the work of OCHA, UNICEF and other humanitarian agencies active in Ukraine and we are calling for their full, safe and unhindered access to the affected areas.

Mr. President,

Russia's war against Ukraine has to stop, as repeatedly stressed by the majority of the UN membership in multiple General Assembly Resolutions. These blatant violations of international law should not be allowed to become the new norm.

Greece welcomed the three rounds of direct bilateral talks between the two parties and the agreements on exchange of prisoners but regrets that these agreements were the only tangible results in the course of five months.

The human toll as well as the rest of the devastating consequences of this war, at least of recent months, would have been avoided, had a ceasefire been agreed following the US-led peace efforts-

Mr. President,

This war must end. Too much time has been lost. We repeat the need for a full, immediate and unconditional ceasefire, without further delay, as the first step towards a comprehensive, just and lasting peace, in line with international law and the UN Charter and in full respect of its most fundamental principles; sovereignty, political independence and territorial integrity of all states.

I thank you.