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Thank you, Mr. President,

At the outset, I wish to thank you Ambassador Alfaro de Alba for briefing the Council in your capacity as Chair of the 1540 Committee on its work, and I would like to congratulate Panama on assuming the duties of Chair of the Committee and to assure you that you have Greece's full support.

The 1540 Committee remains a central pillar of the international non-proliferation architecture, which, as recent crises have shown, especially in the Middle East, is essential to preserve in its entirety.

At the same time, the Security Council resolution 1540 plays a key role in preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and their means of delivery to non-state actors, including for terrorist purposes.

Mr. President,

Greece remains fully committed to supporting the effective and universal implementation of this critical resolution.

We are particularly honored to assume the role of the Vice - Chair of the Committee and we are ready to work closely with the Chair and all Committee members to ensure continued progress towards the implementation of resolution 1540.

Moreover, as member of the European Union, Greece fully supports all EU-led initiatives to support the implementation of the Resolution 1540 and especially in assisting partner countries in building their capacities, strengthening non-proliferation efforts, and ensuring global security.

Mr. President,

We commend the Committee's productive activities over the reporting period, including the submission of the 2024 Annual Review to the Council, its informal and formal meetings, and the open briefing for Member States and international, regional and sub-regional organizations, held on 9 October 2024.

This open briefing offers indeed an important platform for enhancing dialogue with Member States on the implementation of the resolution 1540, including on assistance matters.

Moreover, we highly value the initiative of the previous Chair, Ecuador, to reinstate the Committee's practice to co-organizing training courses for national points of contact for resolution 1540 (2004). In this regard, Greece welcomes the 2 successful training courses that took place in the regions of Africa and Asia-Pacific, in 2024, and is looking ahead with great interest towards the next training course, for the region of Latin America and the Caribbean, which Panama is planning to host in the near future.

Let me express my Delegation's expectation that a training course will be organized soon after in the region of Europe, in which we will engage constructively.

Furthermore, Greece is currently considering to organize a national training Workshop on issues related to Maritime Interdiction Operations, within the framework of the implementation of 1540 resolution, later this year.

Mr. President,

While we positively acknowledge the progress, it is important to ensure conditions that allow for the Group of Experts to work efficiently on a continuous basis, including through the filling of the vacancies within the Group, without further delay.

We also fully support ongoing discussions within the Committee, on the development and review, as appropriate, of voluntary technical reference guides, prepared with the assistance of its Group of Experts, in line with resolution 2663 (2022).

Finally, my Delegation underscores the importance of further strengthening cooperation between the 1540 Committee and international, regional and subregional organizations, as well as other UN bodies, in particular with the European Union, in advancing the implementation of the resolution 1540.

In conclusion, Mr. President, Greece reaffirms its strong commitment to the universal and effective implementation of resolution 1540, as an integral pillar of international peace and security.

I thank you