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Thank you, Mr. Chair. We take note of the statements by the briefers.

I think the overwhelming majority in this room would agree that what this Council should focus on, in all its formulations, is peace efforts, and not suffer any more delay or attempts at distraction.

There is one uncontestable truth: on February 24th, 2022, a nuclear power and permanent member of the Security Council launched a full scale invasion on its much smaller neighboring country, violating the basic principles of international law and the UN Charter, while it had denied any such plans merely hours before the fact.

The invasion marked the beginning of the plight of the Ukrainian people. I will not recount the many reports that come on a daily basis from credible and respected international bodies such as the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, the OSCE Moscow Mechanism. We are now all well aware of the grave violations of International Law and International Humanitarian Law against the people of Ukraine verified in these reports, with some of them amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Therefore, any attempt at diverting attention should take into account that there is a much bigger picture of violations that needs to be addressed, one that is impossible to ignore. We should also stress that there are appropriate and credible international judicial

authorities and bodies better fit to process all relevant accusations and hold those responsible to account. We call on Russia to cooperate with them and to facilitate their access, including to the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and the Russian areas affected by hostilities.

Greece also calls on all parties to strictly comply with their obligations under international humanitarian and human rights law, especially with regard to the protection of civilians and the most vulnerable among them. This is crucial for saving civilian lives in times of armed conflict, and a crucial measure of our humanity.

**Mr. Chair,**

Peace needs to be just. Ensuring accountability is a prerequisite for peace and a deterrent for further war. We firmly believe that upholding international law, the principles of the UN Charter and the General Assembly resolutions on Ukraine will ensure a just and lasting peace.

**Finally, Mr. Chair,**

Greece also firmly believes that all efforts should now be focused in putting an immediate end to the human suffering, through a full, immediate and unconditional ceasefire, so that healing and reconstruction can finally commence.

I thank you.