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Greece's Statement delivered  
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Thank you Mr. President.

I would like to thank Panama and the United States for convening this meeting at such a critical juncture, as gang violence continues to ravage Haiti and the mandate of the Multinational Security Support Mission (MSS) approaches its expiration next month. The presence of the Secretary-General underscores the gravity of the situation and the urgency for decisive Council action.

I wish to thank H.E. Mr. Guterres for his comprehensive briefing, as Greece fully subscribes to his call for immediate action. I would also like to thank the Executive Director of UNICEF Ms. Catherine Russell and Mr. Jean Jean Roosevelt for highlighting the horrific acts of violence and unthinkable cruelty against children. We welcome the presence of Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Barbados.

In view of the above, I would like to make the following three points:

First, Greece remains deeply concerned about the deteriorating security situation, with gangs extending their territorial control in the Centre and Artibonite departments. The MSS has delivered positive results in combating gang violence in the capital, thanks to the steadfast leadership of Kenya and the valuable commitment of all contributing nations.

However, the MSS continues to face critical logistical and financial shortfalls. As we have consistently underlined, providing further UN logistical and operational support — in line with the Secretary-General's recommendations — is an essential step toward stabilizing

Haiti. In this regard, we welcome the announcement just made by the penholder that it will put forward a resolution on the way forward and we take positive note of the letter sent by Haiti yesterday, announcing the intention by certain member states to establish a standing group of partners. At the same time, efforts to curb criminal activity, including illicit arms and drug trafficking, must be strengthened through the strict enforcement of the arms embargo and the sanctions regime. In this regard, we welcome the recent designation of gangs *Viv Ansanm* and *Gran Grif* under the Haiti sanctions regime.

Second, as we have heard today by the Executive Director of UNICEF, also highlighted in the Secretary-General's latest report on Children and Armed Conflict, violence against children in Haiti has reached unprecedented levels. We call for an immediate end to all grave violations against children, notably their recruitment and use by gangs.

Safeguarding their access to safety, healthcare, essential services and education must remain a top priority. We commend UNICEF's life-saving efforts and welcome the launch of the Prevention and Rehabilitation Programme against Children and Youth Recruitment (PREJEUNES), a valuable partnership between UNICEF, the Haitian Government, and the European Union.

Third, women are also bearing the brunt of this crisis. Gender-based and sexual violence, including systematic rape and collective rape, is being used as a tool of terror and subjugation.

According to the Secretary-General's most recent report on conflict-related sexual violence, released just last week, Haiti ranks among the five most affected contexts globally in 2024, with many incidents occurring in informal displacement sites. This is particularly alarming given that 1.3 million Haitians are internally displaced and half the population faces acute food insecurity —conditions that heighten women's vulnerability to sexual violence and harmful coping mechanisms.

Mr. President,

Greece strongly supports efforts to restore security and improve humanitarian conditions in Haiti, paving the way for a peaceful and sustainable political transition. We stand ready to work closely with all Council members in this direction.

I thank you.