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the Maintenance of Peace and Security of Ukraine  
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Thank you Mr. President.

At the outset, I would like to congratulate Panama for a successful stewardship of this Council during the month of August. I would like to thank ASG Jenča for his briefing.

Mr. President,

Despite intensified international efforts to achieve a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in Ukraine, Russia persists in its attacks against major urban centers, civilians, and critical infrastructure. The most recent missile and drone strikes on Ukrainian cities, which resulted in the killing and wounding of civilians — including children — and the destruction of numerous buildings, seriously undermine efforts toward peace and demonstrate once again Russia's utter disregard for international law and human life. The indiscriminate strikes of 27 August, which severely damaged diplomatic premises in Kyiv, including the Delegation of the European Union, represent a flagrant violation of the Vienna Conventions.

I would like to make three points:

First, we are appalled by Russia's recent attack on Kyiv and we strongly condemn the deliberate targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure, in blatant violation of international humanitarian law. We call upon Russia to cease immediately such unlawful actions. We commend all UN and humanitarian agencies in Ukraine for the life-saving services they provide and we thank them for their service.

Second, on peace efforts: no negotiation can succeed while blood continues to be shed on the ground. We call for an immediate, full, and unconditional ceasefire as the necessary first step towards a comprehensive settlement, in full respect of Ukraine's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders. We welcome the US-led initiatives and the decisive efforts of President Trump to put an end to the war and we call on Russia to stop its armed aggression and withdraw its troops from Ukraine. Any attempt to alter borders by the use of force is unacceptable, and constitutes a dangerous precedent that undermines the very foundations of the international order.

Third, no peace imposed upon Ukraine could ever be sustainable. A permanent peace agreement cannot be decided without Ukraine. It must rest on credible and enforceable security guarantees to prevent any recurrence of aggression in the future.

Mr. President,

Greece reiterates its unwavering solidarity with the people of Ukraine, who have endured the devastating consequences of Russia's full-scale invasion for over three and a half years. The war must end. We stand ready to support all international efforts aimed at securing a just, sustainable, and lasting peace — in full conformity with international law, the UN Charter, relevant UN resolutions, and the Helsinki Final Act.

I thank you.